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TORY and Labour leaders were warned yesterday that they have only weeks to settle a political battle that threatens to scupper plans for the Millennium

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY

POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

The chief executive who last week resigned from handling the £700 million project issued a clear warning that private companies would reject the scheme unless

first two to three weeks of January," said Barry Hartop, who resigned as chief executive of Millennium Central, the private company charged with setting up the business plan for the exhibition.

He also suggested that the Government had been mistaken in forming a private company to set in place the outline business plan for the exhibition. Business-

there is swift agreement on funding. The programme is extremely tight. It is going to be necessary for there to be clarify in the committing themselves to backing the event, to be held in Greenwich.

Michael Heseltine, the deputy Prime Minister, and Jack Cunningham, Labour's shadow National Heritage Secretary, are wrangling over the details of the underwriting package that is likely to require an extra £200 million of lottery funding. Currently, £200 million is expected to come from the Millennium Commis-

£700m millennium project has only weeks to be rescued sion, funded by the lottery, £150 million from the private sector and some £350 million from other income, including ticket sales to the enormous domed exhibition which is intended to be the centrepiece of

the celebrations. Roger Freeman, the public service minister, who was given the job of sorting out the BSE beef crisis earlier this year, and Jennifer Page, chief executive of the Millennium Commission, look set to take over the running of the project.

Car bomb spells end to loyalist ceasefire

By NICHOLAS WATT, CHIEF IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

THE loyalist ceasefire appeared to be in ruins last night after a notorious republican was injured by a booby-trap car bomb in the Ardoyne area of north Belfast.

Eddie Copeland, who was named in Parliament in 1994 as an alleged IRA godfather, suf-fered a wound to his right leg in the explosion as he started his car outside his mother's house yesterday lunchtime. He was taken to hospital, where his condition was described as stable.

No group admitted responsi-bility for the attack, but it appeared to have been carried out by loyalist terrorists in retali-ation for the IRA's attempt to murder two policemen in the heart of Belfast's main children's

hospital on Friday night.

David Ervine, of the Progressive Unionist Party — the political wing of the Ulster Volunteer

Force — voiced fears that the bomb was "potentially the begin-ning of a spiral" of violence.

The bomb had been planted under the driver's seat and left a 12in x 18in hole. Joe Lee, who lives next door to Mr Copeland's Prime Minister, condemned both mother in Ladbrook Drive, ran attacks and said that those into help after hearing a loud bang. "He was in a bad way," he said.
"His leg was all open, but he was
gesturing: I'm OK, I'm OK."

Mr Copeland, 25, is loathed by loyalists, who refer to him as Steady Eddie", and is a prime target for the Ulster Defence Association and the Ulster Volunteer Force, which are both active in the Shankill area near by.

In October 1993, he was shot by a soldier while attending the wake of an IRA terrorist who died in the Shankill Road bombing which killed nine Protestants. Trooper Andrew Clarke, of the 9th/12th Lancers, who was subsequently jailed for ten years for attempted murder of Mr Copeland, told police that he had opened fire because he was frustrated at seeing terrorist sus-pects taunting soldiers. Mr Copeland's father, John, was shot dead by troops in the same district in October, 1971. Bobby Lavery, a Sinn Fein

councillor in North Belfast, said yesterday that Mr Copeland was a well-known republican sup-porter. "He makes no bones about it. Because of that there are quite a few people within the socalled security forces who hate him. The people here believe that this is a result of that."

The attack came after loyalist terrorists said that they were likely to resume violence in retaliation for the IRA's shooting of two policemen guarding the Democratic Unionist Nigel Dodds as he visited his six-yearboods as he visited his sirycat-old son at the Royal Belfast Hospital for Sick Children on Friday night.

That was the first attack on a

non-military target in Northern Ireland since the end of the IRA ceasefire in February and one UDA leader from West Belfast told a Sanday newspaper. "There will definitely be a response to this. The days of loyalists getting patted on the head and told the are good boys for keeping the

But John Bruton, the Irish volved should pause for reflec-"Violence can so easily spiral out of control," he said.

Malcolm Moss, the Northern Ireland Office Minister, also expressed outrage at the violence, saying: "There is no difference between the people who used guns in a children's hospital on Friday night and those who planted the device in a man's car just a short distance away. Violence in any form is evil and it is the duty of all community leaders and anyone with influence to use their authority to stop it."

The Combined Loyalist Military Command, the umbrella group for the three main loyalist terrorist groups which declared the ceasefire in October 1994, will meet imminently to discuss tactics. The bomb yesterday may have been foretaste of a full-scale resumption of violence, or simply a warning shot to the IRA.

Dangerous months, page 2



Freed hostages call for siege compromise

Lima: Thousands of Peruvians yesterday demonstrated in support of a compromise between President Fujimori and the Marxist rebels holding more than 360 hostages in the Japanese Ambassador's residence (Gabriella Gamini writes).

Protesters, including dozens of freed hostages, demanded a peaceful solution. After marching to the residence, many promised to stage a vigil until the hostages are released.

The march seems to have been triggered by Señor Fujimori's remarks on Saturday ruling out any deal with the rebels.

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Catholic Church 'will not take bishop back'

By Shirley English

RODERICK WRIGHT, former Bishop of Argyll and the Isles, will never be allowed to return to a Roman Catholic Church post in Scotland, even if he repents, gives up Kathleen MacPhee, his divorced lover, and provides support for his illegitimate son by another woman, according to the Archbishop of St Andrews and Edinburgh, the Most Rev Keith

The Archbishop, who will help in choosing a replacement for Mr Wright, said: "Anyone can say they are sorry. As Christians, we believe in forgiveness, and I am sure Christ will forgive Roddy Wright. But, with regard to a

public role in the church certainly not in Scotland."

Yesterday, speaking publicly for the first time on the subject, William MacPhee, said he was preparing to spend Christmas alone with his three children. adding that his former wife had not spoken to her daughter since she fled Fort William to set up home with Mr Wright.

Joanne Whibley, the woman who had Mr Wright's son 15 years ago, said she now no longer had any expectation he would take any fatherly responsibility for the boy.

Abandoned children, page 6

Record City fees make millionaires

Fees earned by City dealmakers will top the El billion mark for the first time this year. Bonuses will create a raft of millionaires. The total value of takeovers

masterminded by the City in 1996 will not match last year's but the fees income will be larger because of the complexity of several big deals. The bonanza is lkely to continue into the new

Gingrich risks his job by confessing

Newt Gingrich was fighting to save his job as Speaker after admitting, after two years of denials, that he had broken ethics rules of the House of Representatives.

A subcommittee agreed he had brought discredit on the House by using tax-exempt funds for political purposes...... Page

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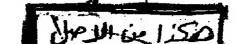
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'Too little time' to prepare for reforms designed to toughen examinations and broaden curriculum

Schools combine in attempt to delay A-level changes

STATE and independent school head teachers have joined forces to changes to A and AS-level examinations, which ministers hope to implement before the general

Reforms designed to toughen up some A levels and broaden the sixth-form curriculum are expected to be approved by Gillian Shephard, the Education and Employment Secretary, in the new year. The new courses are due to begin in 1998, with the first examinations in 2000. However, head

SIGNIFICANT numbers of

the Royal Navy's primary air-

to-air missile have been withdrawn because of cracks that

could make them explode on

Half the Sidewinder mis-

siles aboard the aircraft carri-

er HMS Invincible, which is

on 72 hours' notice to sail to the Adriatic if British troops in

Bosnia have to be evacuated.

have been found to be danger-

ous and unusable. The Minis-

try of Defence has begun

negotiations with the Penta-

gon in an attempt to secure

Labour demanded an im-

mediate investigation into the

problem and called for the

urgent examination of other

equipment to ensure that vital

said: "Thankfully, these faults

have been discovered now and

not in a time of war. It is

equipment has been damaged

in this way. Our forces need to

systems were not David Clark, the

unacceptable that some of our most important

claim that the timetable gives schools too little time to prepare. A joint letter from 11 state and independent sector bodies says: "It would be extremely regrettable if the many beneficial outcomes of the changes to A and AS levels were jeopardised by a hurried start which left many young people

seriously disadvantaged. Concerns about the timing of the changes were raised last month by Professor Denis Lawton, who chairs the Joint Council for the GCSE. In a letter to Sir Ron Dearing, then chairman of the School Curriculum and Assessment Council, he said that exami-

isations favoured a year's delay in implementing the changes to give time for further consultation, avoid confusion over the revised qualifications and ensure that courses were taught successfully.

In a separate initiative, the heads of mathematics in 23 leading independent schools have made the same appeal to the SCAA. The department heads, including those at Cheltenham Ladies College, St Paul's and Westminster, said the proposals would do nothing to improve the quality or supply of mathematicians, and might hinder

The reform package, put forward

age group, will alter the structure level courses, introduce new programmes in "core skills" such as information technology and communication, and replace twoyear AS levels with more intensive one-year programmes. The basic content of the courses has been agreed, and syllabuses are to be

drafted by next summer. Although the changes have allparty support, their timing could become a political issue. The move to more demanding qualifications is certain to feature in the Conservative election manifesto and a delay is certain to be discouraged. David Hart, general secretary of

Teachers, said: "The authority and the politicians would be most unwise to ignore the unanimous view of organisations representing all types of school. It may be that there is a political agenda, which requires us to meet particular deadlines, but this must be sacrificed if it does not fit in with educational considerations."

Mr Hart said the dispute was not over the content of the proposals. There is real enthusiasm to get on with it but the timetable must be

The SCAA is expected to finalise its advice to Mrs Shephard early next month. A spokesman said the

authority was unlikely to recom-mend a delay. The timetable is acknowledged to be tight but it is achievable and the aim must be to make the necessary changes this century rather than next."

David Blunkett, the Shadow Education and Employment Secretary, has already expressed doubts about the speed of the changes in mathematics.

☐ Government advisers yesterday defended the introduction of new national examinations for teenagers who cannot cope with GCSE. which will give candidates credit for writing their own name. Critics accused the SCAA of diluting standards by offering certificates

authority said it was merely bringing a number of existing courses into a national framework.

The proposed "entry level" qualifications are pitched at a level below that of an average 11-yearold. A recommended reading list for a course in English includes simple picture books and uses extracts from television programmes for coursework.

An SCAA spokesman said: These qualifications are intended primarily to motivate individuals to continue to learn and achieve, rather than regarding themselves as being written off as complete

Navy withdraws missiles found to have explosive flaw

Britain is to expand its psychological warfare opyears of neglect, it was disclosed yesterday. Extra staff are being drafted in to the small department when it moves from its current base at Ashford, Kent, to the new military intelligence beadquarters at Chicksands. Bedfordshire, in 1997. There are

department's name.

nation in the warhead of Sidewinders manufactured in the United States by Raytheon and Aeronutronics between 1979 and 1981. Defence sources said dirt particles in the cracks heat up to extreme temperatures when the missile is fired, which could cause the warhead to explode shortly after firing, endangering the lives of Sea Harrier pilots. The Sidewinder, the prima-

ry short-range missile carried by Royal Navy Sea Harrier

jump-jets, was used with great

know they can rely on the equipment they have been effect in the Falklands conflict. when 26 were fired, hitting 19 The cracks were discovered Argentine aircraft. The 9ft 3in during a periodic X-ray examilong infra-red homing missile

targets the heat emitted by an

The first batch of AIM-9L Sidewinders was drawn from stocks in the United States produced by Raytheon and Aeronutronics, which is now part of Lockheed Martin. Later batches, which are not affected, were produced in Europe by a consortium of British, Italian, Norwegian

We can confirm that there is a problem with some small holdings of the older Sidewinder missiles," he said. "As a sensible precaution, those affected warheads are being withdrawn and replaced."

ued stowage afloat." The RAF said it was aware the problem with Royal

enemy aircraft engine. Armed with a high explosive warin an arms deal between the Ministry of Defence and the

and German companies. Urgent work was under way to replace the damaged missile warheads, a Ministry of Defence spokesman said.

He added: "In the mean-time, they have been given full safety certification for contin-

Navy Sidewinders but said it had discovered no similar cracking in its own arsenal.



Eddie Copeland's bomb-damaged car is removed from outside his home in West Belfast yesterday. He suffered leg injuries in the attack

Blast increases tension on mainland

By STEWART TENDLER CRIME CORRESPONDENT

THE Belfast car bombing could have serious implications for the mainland, the head of Scotland Yard's anti-terrorist

branch warned yesterday.

After being briefed by the RUC,
Commander John Grieve, head of the
branch and national co-ordinator of antiterrorist operations, said: "We have been saying since the beginning of December that these are dangerous months we are entering. Anything that happens there has significance for us over here. Anything that increases violence and tension in Northern Ireland is significant for us."

Anti-terrorist operations in London and many other parts of Britain are already on high alert. Extra officers are patrolling London and other cities in a strategy of high visibility policing intended to keep the pressure on the terrorists.

Mr Grieve was commenting on the security situation in Belfast as he issued close-circuit television pictures of a man who visited a west London self-storage company shortly before it was raided by an IRA team last month. A trio of raiders attacked the company's unit in Shepherd's Bush, tied up the guard and ransacked 55 units. Police believe they fled with explosives and bomb-making equipment. The man in the picture came to the struck. He called himself Tommy Hearns and spoke with a London accent. He was 6ft tall and said he was interested in

Mr Grieve said police were keen to interview the man and that he had been at the company "at a time which is of great significance to us. We would be very interested to hear what he has got to say. We believe he is an important witness. We have spent some time trying to find him and not been able to trace him."

The raid was carried out by two men who were masked and a third who was about 5ft ilin tall and did not wear a



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Goldsmith links with Unionists in funding deal

By Arthur Leathley, political correspondent

ULSTER Unionists will announce today that Sir James Goldsmith, founder of the Referendum Party, is to provide financial backing in a deal that has already provoked divisions in the party. He will fund Unionists to campaign in Westminster and the general election for a

broad referendum on Europe. Even before the deal was formally announced, however, it became clear that the Unionist party's nine MPs are not united behind the alliance, which was agreed between Sir James and the David Trimble, the party leader. John Taylor, deputy leader of the UUP, said he opposed the link and insisted it would have no effect on the way his party operated at Westminster. Despite backing that entail more than £100,000 for the cash-strapped Union-ists, Mr Taylor said: "I would advise caution about Goldsmith's Referendum Party. Whatever the immediate temptations may be, Ulster Unionists would be wise to always think of tomorrow."

The reaction of Mr Taylor. the party's European policy spokesman, suggested Mr Trimble had not received full backing from his MPs before arranging the deal. Ken Maginnis, another senior Unionist MP, said: "I have no knowledge of any pact or deal

with any party."
However, Mr Trimble will announce that Jim Nicholson, the only Ulster Unionist Euro-MP, is to join the Europe of Nations political grouping in the European Parliament, a group headed by Sir James, who is a Euro MP.

The alliance increases pressure on John Major as he holds out against demands to stage a referendum on Brit-ain's future relationship with Europe. The Prime Minister, who has promised a referendum on the single currency if the Cabinet approves Britain's entry, again dismissed sugges-tions that Britain might withdraw from the EU.

In an interview with the Sundau Programme on GMTV, Mr Major said it was rare for a political debate to touch the emotions so "savagely" as the one over the future shape of Europe. "It is an issue which touches the heart as well as the head. We haven't in 150 years of politics had very many matters that are of such concern to people as the present concerns that people have about the direction in which Europe might go."

Tory guns are trained on Labour tax plans

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY

TORY ministers will launch a campaign next month to undermine Labour's tax policy and to pre-empt Gordon Brown's long-awaited an-

nouncement on taxation. Amid signs that Labour is preparing to drop its plan to impose a 50p tax on those earning more than £100,000, ministers are to press the Labour leadership to explain how it will meet spending

Senior Conservatives are to seize on Labour's delay in spelling out its tax proposals by running a three-week offen-

sive intended to highlight Mr Brown's refusal to give details of his intentions.

The 50p tax plan would raise El billion, but Tony Blair is said to be unconvinced that the extra revenue is worth the risk that Tories will use the increase as evidence of Labour's intentions.

Senior Labour figures said yesterday that the issue had yet to be finalised and that the Shadow Chancellor would not unveil his proposals until February, rather than January as expected.

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Five become No 1 for a spicy Christmas

The Spice Girls claimed the Christmas number one spot yesterday, knocking the Dunblane anti-gun protest song from the top of the pop charts. The five-girl group's record, 2 Becomes 1, had been the bookmakers' odds-on favourite for the coveted position and was the fastest-selling release of the year, with 450,000 copies sold in a week. Madonna came in at number three with *Don't Cry for*

Me Argentina, which was also released this week to coincide with the première of her film Evita.

The Spice Girls also remain at the top of the album chart with their debut record, Spice. Only the Beatles, Queen and Cliff Richard have achieved such a double before.

Food-bug detective ill

A detective constable with a Strathelyde Police team investigating the E. coli 0157 food-poisoning outbreak, which has claimed 15 lives in central Scotland, is suspected of having contracted the illness, it emerged yesterday. The constable, 39, started showing symptoms last week and went on sick leave to his home in Lanarkshire, Strathclyde Police said. He is being treated as an outpatient at Monkslands District General Hospital.

Bird row mediation offer

The head of one of Britain's privatised water companies has offered to mediate in the dispute between anglers, who have been killing cormorants, and environmentalists. Sir Fred Holliday, chairman of Northumbrian Water, who has just been elected president of the British Trust for Ornithology, claimed an "appreciation of both sides of the argument" but said the law had to be obeyed as long as cormorants remained protected,

University league call

Vice-chancellors of four leading universities called yester-day for the creation of a "premier league" of higher education, which would take the lion's share of government research funds. The heads of Cambridge, Edinburgh and Warnish universities and University College London said Warwick universities, and University College London said the money must go be channelled towards departments of international excellence if Britain was to compete with other leading research nations.

French attacks linked

French police hunting the killer of the Cornish schoolgirl Caroline Dickinson in a Brittany youth hostel in July are investigating claims that a second British teenager was molested in a seaside town near by on the same night. British police have interviewed the other girl, who told them that she escaped after her classmates awoke and shouted at the intruder.

Lottery winner secret

The £10.3 million National Lottery Christmas jackpot has been claimed, but the ticket holder has decided to avoid publicity. Camelot, the organisers, could not reveal whether the winning ficket was owned by an individual or a syndicate. Twenty tickets matched five numbers plus the bonus ball, winning £158,977 each.Lottery numbers, page 18 lind Christie b Ikin street sta

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A colonel's daughter was the unknowing inspiration behind a new blockbuster film

How Dahl made magic from the real Matilda

BY ALAN HAMILTON

BEHIND the eponymous but fictional heroine of Matilda, the newly released film likely to rate highly with young cinema audiences, lies a real-life Matilda who is persona at all.

On screen, Matilda is a precocious imp who is determined to read books from an early age, despite the advice of her blockhead father that she would be better off couchpotatoing in front of the

She fairly crackles with such pyrotechnic insults as You villainous sack of gobsmite" and "You squirming worm of vomit. You know at once, without having to read the credits of the movie that went on general release at the weekend, that from the imagination of Roald Dahl.

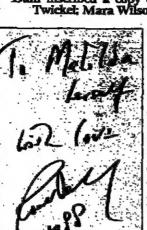
In the real world, Matilda Twickel is a 20-year-old economics student at Newcastle University, rarely says "gobsmite" and is not the laughter of a dodgy Arthur Daley-like character who does up wrecked cars and flogs them to the unsus-

But she did meet the children's author when she was edition of the Matilda stories with a dedication to her on. the flylcaf in Dahl's own hand seems proof enough that although he did not borrow her character, he certainly borrowed her name.

Miss Twickel was in the audience at a private showing of the film last week in aid of the Pathfinders charity.



Dahl inscribed a copy of his book to Matilda Twickel; Mara Wilson plays the film role



Captain Leonard Cheshire. Her father, a retired Royal

Armoured Corps lieutenant-colonel, is associated with the charity; Cheshire and Dahl served as wartime pilots.
Miss Twickel found the film enjoyable but saw nothing of berself in it. She said of





Dahl: "I remember nothing about him at all. I am not the inspiration for the film." The two are related, if

distantly. Dahl's second wife, Felicity d'Abreu, , is a first of Miss Twickel's father. The author would

home, where he met baby Matilda and once witnessed her as a tiny bridesmaid at a

Matilda's father, said yesterwith a sharp tongue, borrowed his daughter's name, which appealed to him, but there the similarity ended. The fictional Matilda is very cious even, but with quite horrible parents. My younger daughter was not intellectualordinary girl who did well at school. As for the parents, i will leave others to judge, but we always encouraged our children to read."

Miss Twickel has an elder sister, Angela, who is reading engineering at Edinburgh University. She has escaped public attention, as Dahl never wrote a series of Angela

The film version is even further removed from reality than Dahl's story, its setting transferred by its Hollywood producers to California and the name part taken by the Mara Wilson. Miss Twickel's father is played — and the film directed — by Danny DeVito, who in looks, speech and background bears about as much resemblance to Colonel Twickel as does the real Matilda to that hideous brat in Dahl's book Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, Miss Verucca Salt.

Which is, in short, none whatsoever.

Review of A Christmas Carol



Miss Twickel: now a 20-year-old economics student, she was two when the children's author met her

Linford Christie brother killed in street stabbing

BY STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

LINFORD CHRISTIE Teturned to Britain to join his. after the death of his younger brother Russell in a stabbing in west London.

Today Simon Williams, 32. unemployed and of no fixed address, will appear at Marylebone Magistrates' Court charged with murder. Russell Christie, 34, was found stabbed and seriously wounded in Notting Hill, and died later in hospital. He had received stab wounds to his neck and was found by police after they were alerted by members of the public to a report of fighting. He died early on Friday morning but there was a delay in identify-

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ing him.
Efforts were then made to contact his brother, who was training in Sydney. Australia, with Colin Jackson and other athletes. Mr Christie, 36, one of Britain's most famous and

speak to reporters when he landed at Heathrow yes-terday.

"Linford has not been particularly close to his brother for several years now, even though he still loved him.

"I don't think he liked the way their father was dragged into the trouble in the early 1980s. However, he is an emotional man and is sure to he upset, not only because he was his brother, but also because he will be worried about the effect Russell's death has on their father."

In the early 1980s, the family was caught up in a racial conflict. In his autobiography Mr Christie, who rarely speaks of his private life, describes how his younger brother became embroiled in a running feud with some white

people in Notting Hill. He went to his brother's

lated, with police involvement.
On one occasion, police officers raided the family home But one family friend said: looking for Russell and knocked their father unconscious during the search.

Mr Christie's family always believed that his younger brother might have done just as well as him. When Russell was jailed for three years in 1989 for giving his girlfriend a beating, his father said ruefully that he had once been a schoolboy sports star with a

great future.
Russell also spent several months on remand in jail accused of an assault of which he was later cleared. Linford said those lost months made his brother "a bitter man".

Russell grew increasingly emangled in trouble sporred by an aggressive temper. Later there were links to drugs such as cocaine.

Russell was jailed in 1989 for an attack with a baseball on his former girlfriend, Zoe Groves. In 1992 he was arrested for burglary, theft and robbery. Police arrested and released him in 1993 for

trying to break into a car. In 1994 he was jailed again for attacking a woman. This time he was give three years for slamming the head of his girlfriend Georgine Gourlay against a car window. A police sergeant was also injured. Russell was also given a sixmonth jail sentence for breaking into the a friend's BMW

The Christies' mother, Mabel, died last year but their father, James, a former BBC



Linford Christie defended his brother Russell, right, during a racial dispute in Notting Hill in the 1980s

Why island sunseekers are teeming of a wet Christmas

By HARVEY ELLIOTT, TRAVEL CORRESPONDENT

THOUSANDS of holidaymakers who flew to the Canaries in the hope of a sunny Christmas have been greeted with howling gales and tor-

A major Atlantic depression brought miserable weather to Britain's favourite festive getaway islands, and some of the worst conditions in years to parts of North Africa. Spain and Portugal. The north of

Tenerife had 23 mm (almost one inch) of rain in 12 hours, and temperatures have fallen to about 55F, 20 degrees below the seasonal norm.

Gales closed some small island airports, flights were having a terrible time with the 196,000 travellers are expected weather. There are long delays and no sign of a let-up."

More than 120mm of rain has swept Gibraltar in the past two days. The depression is expected to return during The holiday exodus from

Britain is continuing: more than 250,000 passengers will have boarded British Airways flights between yesterday and Christmas Day — Il per cent up on last year. Extra flights have been laid on to cope with the expected 70,000 who will fly within Britain.

Heathrow will handle 750,000 passengers over the five days leading up to Christ-Tenerife, and a spokesman at Tenerife's southern Rema So-fia airport said: "We are support said: "We are supp

to use its four terminals. On the roads, large queues built up yesterday around shopping centres. The RAC reported an eight-mile queue of almost stationary traffic on the AlM outside the MetroCentre, Gateshead, and said that there was heavy traffic through the Dartford Tunnel during the morning as shoppers made for the Lakeside centre at Thur-

rock, Essex. At least four people were killed on icy roads. Three died when a van and car crashed on the Al66 at Gate Helmsley, near York, and a man was killed at Turvey, Bedfordshire, when his car span off the

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Prince's faith earns Carey's blessing

BY RUTH GLEDHILL

THE Archbishop of Canterbury yesterday praised the Prince of Wales's commitment to Christianity and the Established Church. Contradicting the verdict of his predecessor, Lord Runcie. Dr George Carey said: "I don't believe that Prince Charles has given up on the Christian faith and certainly not the Church of England."

He praised the Prince for a recent speech in which he argued that the West had much to learn from Islam. Dr Carey said: "He believes, as I do, that our country must be open to other faiths and we must continue our tradition of hospitality."

Dr Carey, in an interview on GMTV's Sunday pro-gramme, referred to Humphrey Carpenter's biography of Lord Runcie, serialised by The Times. The former Archbishop said in it that the Prince was disenchanted with the Established Church and "gave up on it" more



The Prince of Wales holding four-month-old Princess Maria-Olympia, granddaughter of the exiled King-Constantine of Greece, during her Orthodox baptism in Istanbul yesterday. The Prince is her godfather

than a decade ago. Dr Carey said: "I may therefore be in danger of colliding with my very good friend and predeor." But he insisted that the Prince was a practising Anglican. "He has got a deep faith, rooted in the Christian faith, and of course I'm quite relaxed about him saying

there are things we can learn from other faiths' traditions. He is also aware there's much that the Christian faith can offer other faith traditions as well."

On the Prince's marital difficulties, Dr Carey told the interviewer, Steve Chalke: "He is a man who

The Archbishop argued strongly against disestablishtakes faith seriously, who attends worship and somement. The Church was there for the nation, he said, and one who has struggled as many people struggle with ... brokenness in relationits 26 bishops in the House of Lords had made important ships. Therefore it's wrong for you and I to sit in judgment on people who are, as we are, people made in the image of God." contributions to recent debates on issues such as the asylum Bill, marriage and

Vicar 'called by God' to heal rift at divided abbey

BY RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

ointed to take charge of Selby Abbey, one of England's most spectacular parish churches, where a power struggle be-tween clergy and laity has led vicars in six years.

Prebendary Keith Jukes, team rector of Cannock, Staffordshire, said last night that he had felt "called by God" to the abbey. On the recommendation of the Archbishop of York, Dr David Hope, monks and nuns are being sent there for the first time since the Reformation to help resolve the dispute. Mr Jukes, 42, married with

two children, said: "I am aware of the pastoral difficulties that there have been. I am convinced they will quickly be put behind us. Selby Abbey is a place of major potential and the future looks very good."

A NEW vicar has been ap-pointed to take charge of Selby from the Order of the Holy Paraclete. Monks from the College of the Resurrection in Mirfield, west Yorkshire, already visit every Monday to say prayers and offer spiritual

counselling.

The abbey's difficulties over the past few years arose partly from its status as a parish church, coupled with with the beauty and magnificence of a cathedral. Most church build-ings of that calibre in England have endowments, and a dean and canons to manage them. Earlier this year, Dr Hope ordered an inquiry into the problems at the abbey, which

was founded by the Benedic-tines in 1069 and is larger than many cathedrals. Three vicars left in six years

amid allegations of bullying, arguments, "power hungry" individuals and letters and



Jukes: said future at abbey looked very good

telephone calls to clergy claiming the abbey was not being properly run. The Rev Peter Dodd, now a hospital chaplain, left in 1993. He said earlier this year: "There were people who by their destructive nature were not supporting what I would regard as the

The report of the inquiry, headed by Christina Baxter, the Church of England's lead-ing evangelical, described a "dark cloud" hanging over the abbey. Or Hope recommended that a small community of nums should be sent in "to nurture the life of prayer in the

Wallenberg gains recognition with statue in London

THE Queen is to unveil a monument in London to Raoul Wallenberg, the Swedish diplomat who saved the lives of thousands of Jews during the Second World War.

Wallenberg was posted to his neutral country's legation in Budapest in 1944, where he saved an estimated 100,000 Hungarian Jews from the death camps by issuing them with false papers. The monu-ment, by the Sussex-based sculptor Philip Jackson, will feature a 9ft bronze statue of Wallenberg against a back-ground of schutzpasse, the false Swedish papers that provided protection against

arrest by the Nazis. Recent attempts to have Wallenberg given honorary, if posthumous, British citizenship failed, and a request for a statue to be put up in one of the royal parks was turned down on the ground that there was no space. Now, Westminster council has given a piece of ground for the monument in Great Cumberland Place in

central London. Members of the International Council of Christians and Jews, backed by an eight-year campaign by David Amess, Conservative MP for Basildon, have raised £50,000, largely in private and anonymous donations, for the monument. The Government has

contributed £15.000. Wallenberg's fate remains a mystery. When Budapest was occupied by the Red Army in 1945, he was taken to the Soviet Union, possibly under aspicion of being an American spy, and disappeared into the gulags. Many years later, the Soviet authorities said that

he had died of a heart attack in 1947. Surviving members of his family refuse to accept the official version of his death and insist that the statue be described as a monument and not a memorial. Wallenberg's surviving half-sister is expected to attend the unveiling in

John Bierman, the author of a biography of Wallenberg. has written the inscription for the monument. He said he believed the prisoner survived in Soviet jails long after 1947. Were he still alive, Wallenberg would now be 88.

There are memorials to Wallenberg in Budapest, Sweden and America, but until now there has been none in Britain. "He was not British. but what he did was a matter of common humanity. He saved very many more Jewish lives than Oskar Schindler, who in some ways was a war profiteer," Mr Bierman said.



Wallenberg: reported

You can count on another 16 years

By Norman Hammond, archaeology correspondent

end 16 years from today. according to Ancient Mayan mathematical predictions.

The prophecy has been dated to December 23, 2012 based on a widely-accepted correlation between the Christian calendar and the Long Count" of the Maya of Central America.

A Great Cycle of 5,126 years will come to an end on that day (another scheme would make it two days earlier). The Long Count began in 3114 BC, and consists of 13 baktuneb of nearly 400 years each. Each day was named and numbered in a 260-day sacred cycle — the product of 20 names and the numbers I-13 reused until the same combination came round again — and in a 365-day solar year with its 18 months (such as Zip or Mac) of 20 days and a five-day unlucky period called Uayeb.

The number 13 was favourable in Mayan eyes. being the number of layers in the heavens (while nine, the layers of the underworld and the number of Lords of the Night was of ill omen). The present cycle was not, to the Maya, the first creation: their sole surviving epic, the Popol Vuh, tells of four carlier

the creator gods, who de-

stroyed them.
The famous Aztec "Calendar Stone" in Mexico City also attests to four ancient creations and their destruction, indicating that Mayan beliefs were shared across Mesoamerica. The Aztecs, however, calculated in 52year periods, but lacked the great cycles of time invented

by the Maya. Although even the 3114 BC creation of the present uni-verse lay well before the first Maya farmers settled in Yucatan, their scribes were fascinated by large numbers, and on a monument at the city of Coba listed a succession of 13-unit periods, which some scholars interpret as ever-longer periods of imaginary time.

The ancient Maya would be awaiting the end of their world with trepidation, if their own civilisation had not collapsed a thousand years ago, with much of the re-maining knowledge wiped out by the Spanish conquest five centuries later. They would understand our own millennial concerns, but be surprised that we were planning celebration, rather than

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Family cheer: £34 in 1973, £219 now

Shoppers' tinsel tastes push up cost of Christmas

By ROBIN YOUNG

THE cost of Christmas may seem bigger each year to harassed shoppers, but Britain's oldest seasonal price index shows it has risen little more than the rate of inflation. The average family's cheer this year is six times what it was in 1973, when the index started, compared with gener-

al prices up by 5.2 times. The bill, recalculated by The Times each year, is almost £220, nearly 10 per cent up on 1994, when it topped £200 for the first time. The "feel-good" factor may partly be to blame, since some elements in the some staple lines, such as puddings and cakes, as customers "trade up".

The index was devised by a Conservative MP who later became minister for consumer affairs and chairman of the National Consumer Council.

When the figures were cal-culated in 1973 by Baroness Oppenheim-Barnes — then Sally Oppenheim, MP for - the cost of and two children with all the items on her list was £34. 895. Mrs Oppenheim claimed in 1977 that under a Labour government the cost of Christmas had doubled since 1973.

Her selection is, though, open to criticism. For example, the turkey apparently goes unstuffed, there is no provimilkmen, postmen or dust-men, and the family survives the season without a single satsuma or other piece of fresh fruit. They also subsist without wine and drink only one pint of beer while shifting three bottles of spirits.

The Times has nonetheless recosted the same items regularly since 1978, revisiting the same north London supermarket. Many things have happened to complicate the calculations. Metrication and changing habits have led manufacturers to abandon

some of the weights.

This year's version of the l'alb pudding, for example, is three 227g (21b) puddings from the supermarket's standard own-label range. The 1's lb size has followed the 40oz Christmas cake into history. Most puddings in the shop, with such descriptions as "luxury", "connoisseur" and "extra rich and fruity", are dearer but

Where equivalents are no longer available, it is assumed for this year's calculation that the average family will buy the nearest alternative. We were able to find a half-pound (227g) box of chocolates this year; last year, the figure had to be calculated by dividing the cost of a larger pack. But the only Christmas cards recember 18, when our prices

buy many of the goods more cheaply from discount stores or market stalls. Toy prices, in particular, vary widely from were recorded, were a "luxuoutlet to outlet, and it has to be ry" range at £2.99 for boxes of doubted whether children would still be content with the meagre choice of games and toys available in our super-market. None of those priced in 1978 remains on sale in our HOW PRICES HAVE RISEN 1973 1990 1994 1995 1996

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The figure we spent on toys is close to the national average per child but is supposed to buy presents for two. Family expenditure on toys, up almost ninefold since 1973, in our survey, has shown one of the more rapid escalations in the

ten, leading to a leap in the cost of that item.

the hypothetical folk for whom the shopping is being done are not normally given the chance of "luxury" or "premium" qualities where more basic is offered. This year's minor pies, though, are "deep-filled" and

on special promotion, reduced

from 89p to 65p. The shop had no standard pies on offer.

Turkey, pudding, pies and cake are dearer this year, as

are nuts and postage. We saved on Brussels sprouts,

introduction of a shadeless set of 40) and crackers (a new "economy value" box of 12). The three bottles of spirits,

marginally dearer this year

but 5cl smaller than in 1973,

when the standard bottle was

75cl. To judge by the shelves.

most people now buy in litres. The solitary pint of beer

comes from our supermarket,

not from Calais or a pub. Even

so the price, achieved by

extrapolating from the price per 100ml on a multipack, ranged from 54.5p to £2.19, as

the supermarket now stocks a

variety of premium and extra-

As always, it was possible to

strength ales and lagers.

Being an average family,

The pudding cake, tree, cards, crackers, gift wrapping and parcel post have increased in price even more sharply, while the most stable prices in the list are those of the brandy

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fears of rubber contamination

SECOND supermarket chain has withdrawn thousands of packs of mince pies from sale amid fears that some could be contaminated

BY MICHAEL HORSNELL

with small pieces of rubber. Waitrose issued a public warning this weekend and withdrew stocks of own-brand mince pies at its 115 branches. Customers were asked to return packets of pies with a sellby date before January 15 and were offered a refund or an

permarket acted after Tesco warned last week that the mincement in "a few" of its pies could contain rubber from the manufacturing pro-cess and began recalling

The problem was traced to Park Cakes, supplier for both chains, which is investigating the contamination. A spokes woman for Waitrose, part of the John Lewis Partnership, said the firm had received one complaint from a woman who had discovered rubber in a

sale at Waitrose comprise extra stock from the manufacturers and loose pies from the pdtisserie counters. All are

'sound stock". ☐ The Tesco products affected were packs of Tesco 6 loed Top Mince Pies, Tesco 6 Lattice Mince pies and Tesco 6 Deep Filled Mince Pies (manufac-turer's code 0141). Customers who have bought any since November 1 are asked to return them to a Tesco store, where they will be given a



Festive workers fight to keep their party on track

THERE were all the ingredicuts of a festive staff party: gaudy streamers, the paper plates laden with nuts, and Do They Know It's Christ-mas? blaring from the stereo. There was also the inescapable feeling of the floor swaying slightly.

This was a party with a buffet running for 60 miles. Aboard the 18.31 London to Brighton train, commuters were having their traditional celebration on the last working Friday before Christmas.

This year may be their last. Connex South Central, the new French holders of the route's franchise, are planning to remove the commuters' beloved but ageing buffet cars in the new year. There will be new carriages with more seats, but only a trolley for refreshments. Passengers who pay up to £3,000 a year have sent a 500name petition and hundreds more personal letters of protest On Friday night, as more than 100 revellers crammed into the 25-year-old



All aboard: a party sign

buffet car at Victoria, there was despair at the prospect of a future without their "pub on wheels".

Elaine Irving, 44, a secretary from Worthing. West Sussez, said: "It is the only thing that makes commuting worthwhile. You mix with all sorts of people from stockbrokers to bricklayers. It will be soul-destroying with-

out the buffet." Ms Irving met her hus-band, Charlie Strong, on the train, and said that many relationships developed from meetings in the buffet. One couple kept an affair alight for ten years before going home to their married partners each evening. One

sex in the emptier first-class

carriages. Roy Fagan, 34, a computer consultant, met his girlfriend, Hazel Stone, on the train a year ago. He said: "It was the old story of boy meets girl on train, boy buys girl drink at buffet, boy takes girl on holiday. "At first, we kept it a secret

from the other commuters. It was like going out with someone from the same office. But it became obvious we had a thing going, so we just came out with it."

Many of the regular commuters have been travelling and drinking with each other for decades, and the journey home has led to regular weekend meetings and trips to cultural and

sporting events.

Sarah Besser, who works for a steel import firm, said: Many of us would willingly pay an extra £100 a year to keep the buffet going. It's got to be worth at least that."

Stores open all hours to cater for final rush

BY NOEL FUNG

WITH two shopping days before Christmas, shops and supermarkets are extending their hours. Many will be open until 10pm tonight.

open until lopm tonight.

Asda: Clapham, Watford, Edinburgh and Patchway in Bristol open overnight tonight. Some open until midnight tonight, most close at 9pm or 10pm, 6pm tomorrow.

Books etc. Today 9am-6pm, Closed Christmas and Boxing Day.

Budgen: Today 8am-9pm, tomorrow 7.30am-7pm, closed Christmas and Boxing Day.

Co-op (CWS): Today 8am-8pm, tomorrow 7.30am-5pm.

Dewhurst: Today 7.30am-7pm, tomorrow 7.30am-5pm.

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Regent Street: today 10am-8pm, tomorrow 10am-6pm. Closed Christmas and Boxing Day, Fri-day 10am-7pm. Harrods: Today 9am-8pm, tomor-

row 9am-5pm. Closed Christmas, Boxing Day and December 27. Harvey Nichols: Today 10am-7pm, tornorrow 10am-5pm. Friday

LATE SHOPPING

row 8am-5pm. Boxing Day, closed except some in Scotland open 9am-5.30pm. Brixton branch opens

5.30pm. Brixton branch opens overnight tonight. Marks & Spencer: Marble Arch and Pantheon open 9am-9pm today, tomorrow 9am-6pm. Others vary but all closed Christmas and Boxing Day.

Safeway: Open overnight tonight at Brent Cross, but most open from 8am-10pm today and 7.30am-6pm tomorrow. Safeway BP in Basildon open Christmas and Boxine Day. open Christmas and Boding Day. Sainsbury's: Today 7,30am-9pm

mas and Boxing Day.
Selfridges: Today 9am-9pm, tomorrow 9am-6pm. Friday and
Saturday 9am-8pm.
Somerfield: Most opening hours

granches at Ludlow and New Invention, West Midlands, open overnight tonight. tomorrow 7.30am-Spm. Closed Christmas and Boxing Day, Fri-

day 9am-8pm or 10pm. Tesco: 16 stores open overnight wich, York Clifton Moor, Reading sandburst, Poresmouth North Harbour, Bristol, Hemel Hemp-stead, Gatwick, Hayes Bull Bridge, Dartford Tunnel, Cam-bridge Bar Hill, Thornton Heath, Ipswich Copdock, Brent Cross, Ashford and Crookstoot. Waitrose: Today 8,30am-9pm, to morrow 8am-5pm. Closed Christ-mas and Booing Day.

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day Sam-opm.

Arndale Centre, Manchester: Today 9am-9pm, tomorrow 9am-5pm, Friday 9am-5pm. Mendowinall, Sheffield: today 10am-10pm, tomorrow 10am-5pm. Closed Christmas and Boxing Day. Friday 10am-9pm.



Cromwell: declared pudding abominable

Pudding haters find relief in law

By ROBIN YOUNG

AS BRITONS collapse into their armchairs this week after ploughing through 160,000 tonnes of Christmas pudding, the more figure-conscious and those suffering from indigestion will no doubt be wishing it was illegal.

Strictly speaking, it is. Oliver Cromwell out-lawed both plum pudding and mince pies in a 17th-century statute that has never been formally repealed. He declared them trous things to be avoided by Christians"; his statute stipulated that people could be jailed for eating

or making them. The origins of Christ-mas pudding are hazy but are thought to derive from plum pottage or plum porridge, a fearful brew porridge, a fearful of mutton broth thickened with brown bread, to which raisins, currants, nrunes and spices

added as available. There is no law that stipulates what ingredients a Christmas pudding should and should not contain, although some of the colourings used until recently have been banned under European law.

In the event that this year's shoppers fail to strip the shelves bare. another law requires all traders to empty their Eve. The Christmas Act of 1448 makes it illegal for any goods to be displayed on Christmas Day.

Equally, it is an offence not to attend church over Christmas. The Act of Uniformity of 1551 lays down penalties for those who fall to attend their devotions "having no lawful or reasonable excuses to be absent".

More happily, legisla-tion of 1831, which forbids hunting on Christmas Day, also stipulates that nobody can be arrested for anything other than serious crime or breach of the peace. Although drink-drivers need not hope to benefit, it is the same enlightened piece of legislation that prevents debt collectors from calling over the holiday, and which cusures that people cannot be served with their Christmas lunch.

American import threatens to demolish Lego

By ROBIN YOUNG

TOY cupboards could soon be filled Knex is now claiming almost 17 per with millions of redundant Lego bricks cent of the British market. with millions of redundant Lego bricks as competition from a new source threatens the long-established market

K'nex, an American invention introduced here two years ago, is claiming a 41 per cent increase in UK sales this Christmas. According to the latest figures from independent researchers, it has hauled Lego's market share back to 53 per cent from an apparently unchallengeable 84 per cent two years

K'nex appears to be doing to Lego what Lego did to Meccano, the classic British construction kit, when it was first launched in Britain. Meccano was reduced to a mere 5 per cent of the An expansive pleasure free of any addiction

A Christmas cigar can

be safe and satisfying

A depot at Ashford, Kent, has been working full-tilt packaging three mil-lion sets for Knex International, now established in 22 countries; a production factory should come on stream in Ashford at the end of next year. Meanwhile, K'nex forecasts global sales of \$120 million (£75 million) next year, three times this year's total.

Shopkeepers have been desperately trying to acquire stock of Knex's riggest construction kits, Rollercoaster and Ball Factory, which retail at £99 each. The producers have been unable to keep up with demand for battery and mains power units for the kits. which sell at prices from £20 to £90.



K'nex kits are in toys' top ten

of construction to Meccano's principle of struts and rods of different sizes. "Its great advantages are that it can be used to make very large models very quickly, and that they stay together

MEDICAL BRIEFING

aging director in the UK, said. Lego was launched in Denmark in 1932 using wooden bricks, later replaced with plastic as international sales climbed. Knex was conceived by Joel Glickman of Pennsylvania, president of a family plastics business.

Mr Glickman claims Lego is "trapped within their building block system", and that K'nex is much more flexible and mobile. Peter Ambeck-Madsan, head of public relations at Lego, said: "We do not feel trapped at all. Lego is still the system in the construction toy market."

The British Association of Toy Retailers said Lego and Knex were both in the top ten this Christmas, Lego at number five with Wild West sets from £3.49, and Knex at number ten with

MORTGAGES

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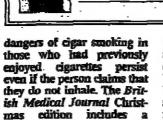
6.75% per annum.



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THE pleasures of a Christmas cigar can be happily and safely enjoyed by people who have never been addicted to cigarette smoking. But for a surprising number of people who have given up cigarettes, a cigar rekindles a desire to smoke The relationship be-

tween eight smoking and cancer of the lung and heart disease is weak, unless the smoker has previously smoked cigarettes regularly. For them, one small cigar is a lethal as three cigarettes and one medium-sized cigar as dangerous as five cigarettes. Research has shown that the



warning: smoking may not only speed the thickening

process in the atteries and

cause a general appearance of

premature ageing, but it is also specifically related to early greying of the hair in both senes and, in men, early baldness. J.G. Mosley, a conspitant surgeon at Leigh Infirmary in Lancashire, and A.C. Gibbs, a statistician from the Christie Hospital in Marchester, analysed the

ment at Leigh Infirmary. The results showed a clear link between smoking and early greying. The authors hope that, even if patients are not persuaded to stop smoking by the risk of disease, vanity may induce them to give up cigarettes. W.H. Auden's face, which was said to reflect that of a heavy smoker, was once described as looking like a wedding cake left in the rain.

surgical out-patients depart-

Dr Thomas STUTTAFORD

Girl, 9,

missing

since

Thursday

Police are searching for a nine-year-old girl who has been missing from her home in Chester for three

days. Kayleigh Ward has not been seen since she vent out to buy chips at

When she did not re-

thought she had gone to

stay with a relative. Mrs

Ward contacted police the

next afternoon after searching for Kayleigh

Police described Kay-leigh as "streetwise" and

said she was known to

take time off school to

hang around Chester city

centre, where she knew

many people. She was known there as "Oddbod"

Drug cash gift

Jersey police have been

awarded more than \$1 million (£600,000) by

the American authorities for their help in tracking

down the proceeds of drug trafficking. The cash

was seized by the US

Customs during a money

laundering operation organised by a Texan

drug smuggler. His Jer-

sey-based trust company had informed local police who investigated.

Pupils' cane call

Schoolchildren in New-

ark, Nottinghamshire,

have written to their MP

orging him to support their campaign to bring back caning. They told Richard Alexander that

they wanted a return to corporal punishment be-

without success.

or "Oddie".

8.40pm on Thursday.

Aftermath of a scandal: the children abandoned in the Wright affair

My stupidity, by the mother of bishop's son

A MOTHER who kept the Catholic bishop's child said vesterday that she had finally come to terms with her own

Joanna Wibley spent 15 years believing that Roddy Wright would forsake the church for family life with her and their son Kevin. Three months ago, when the Bishop of Argyll and the Isles abandoned his calling for Kathleen MacPhee, she finally exposed

Yesterday, in her first newspaper interview since the scandal broke, she told The Times: "It was a very painful business, having my stupidity held up for everybody to see. But in the end it is quite a small price to pay for the truth to be told."

She is now planning her future as a single mother and grappling to apply some logic to the conflicting emotions she feels in the wake of the public exposure. She feels bitter towards the Church but feels

A new life on benefit for Lakeland lovers

By CAROL MIDGLEY

AT THE rented cottage which he shares with Kathleen MacPhee, the former Bishop declined to discuss his new life. Mr Wright, 56. spoke through his closed front door as he told The Times: "We feel we have done enough talking with the press. We just want to be left alone now to get on with it. There is nothing further I want to say in public at the moment.

The cottage, at Mountain View, Kendal, in Cumbria, is where the couple fled in September after news of their affair broke. It is also where they say first consummated their

By Shirley English

THE ex-husband of Kathleen

MacPhee said yesterday that she

had not sooken to their daughter in

the three months since running

Breaking his silence yesterday for

the first time since the scandal broke. William MacPhee said: "Ju-

lie Anne reads stuff in the papers

about speaking to her mum three

times a week. It's a load of rubbish.

It would be a waste of time. There

Now 15 she is living with her

father in the small village of Onich, south of Fort William. Mr

has been no contact."

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relationship four weeks later. Neighbours say they have so far been reluctant to involve themselves in

local community life. Mr Wright now claims benefit and £300 a month housing benefit. Mrs MacPhee, 41, has found work as a supply nurse at Westmoreland General Hospital in the Lake District.

A neighbour said: "We see very little of them to be honest. Half the time you wouldn't know there was anybody living there but they seem nice enough people. Nobody has got any complaints about them."

MacPhee, 44, a builder, said his ex-

wife would not be spending Christ-

mas with her or sons Donald, 18,

and Stephen, 24: "I don't know what

she is doing. I have not spoken to her or heard from her and I am not

"I will be spending Christmas

with the children, with all the family. It will be private, me and the

children, and we're quite looking

Mr MacPhee, who was divorced

from Mrs MacPhee in 1992 after 21

years of marriage, was forced into

hiding for three weeks when the

news broke in early September that

his ex-wife had run-off with the

interested whatsoever.

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Wright and his new woman, who has left her children to be with him in a tiny cottage in the Lake District.

This Christmas will be the same as the others in every possible way, except 1 no longer have an expectation that he will ever take any fatherly responsibility. That is the end of an uncertainty, if you can call that positive."

While Mr Wright was missing from his diocese in September, he was on the telephone to her arranging his imminent arrival at her modest home in Polegate, Sussex, to honour of a long-held

pledge. When he did not arrive, she was stunned. "I did not totally expect him to come, but he had said he would and I had no reason to suspect he would lie so monumentally. In my heart I did not think he would, but in my head I thought it inconceivable to think that someone could lie."

Naturally shy, she abhors the trend for public confession and stripping emotions bare. She admits she is never going

to disclose the full story.
"I want the whole sorry business to go away. Sometimes I look upon it as a joke. Here is Roddy, this bishop, who has run away from reality, taking a nurse to look after him in his frailty. And it is a nurse who goes to a bishop to have counselling about her gall bladder and gynaecologi-cal problems. I have been stupid, but he is being stupid again and again and again.

bishop. Yesterday he said: "I have been offered £50,000 or even a blank

cheque to tell my side of the story.

But I won't. I have the children to

them we have to think of. They have

to make their own way in life here.

They have to live here. We are fed

up with it and just want to put it

behind us. The family are all fine.

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we have been left alone. We are

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"We are not moving out. We've

"It's their future at stake. It is



Mr Wright and Kathleen MacPhee at their cottage. He said yesterday: "We just want to be left alone"

Her experience has left her vitriolic about the Church. She thinks she has lost her faith and is surprised Mr Wright considers himself still a member of the church. "The clergy have to be celibate, not chaste. The church plays down this can of worms, yet in their eyes he has probably done nothing wrong. When they talk about the scandal and damage he has caused, the scandal is

Whether it is wickedness or their relentless pursuit of poli-madness, 1 don't know," she which damages people and limits people.

They are not bad men that take this line, but are misguided. They have from the cradle been indoctrinated and gone from the arms of mother to Mother Church."

Most clergymen, she believes, are trapped in adoles-cence. Roddy's behaviour is pre-adolescent, some of his newspaper interview was al-

In the wider Catholic community

of Argyll and the Isles there is still

"great hurt and great upset," ac-cording to Archbishop O'Brien.

After Mr Wright's resignation, reve-lations that he had a 15-year-old son

plunged the Catholic Church into

debate about celibacy in the priest-

hood. Archbishop O'Brien has spent

the past three months travelling by

fishing boat, car and plane, to the

far flung corners of this remote

region, where on some islands 99

per cent of the population are

"My role is to help to build up the

'has made no contact with daughter'

the press moved from her doorstep, she asked the Church for counselling, since they had openly offered it to Wright and Mrs

church. Archbishop O'Brien said, No. go and told me to see a lawyer. In the end you have to laugh, it is the only same thing to do. You look for the joke and there is a large one

Support groups for women who have children by Catholic may join them soon.

feelings of great hurt and great

upset at the various revelations

the family and naturally there is a

grieving process. I have told them that it is natural to feel hurt and that

they should not be frightened to talk

sadness rather than forgiveness.

The people obviously loved and

respected the man as their priest

and bishop. They are grateful for all

he has achieved and sad that his life

is now in ruins." The archbishop,

to one another about their pain.

"It is the equivalent to a death in

about his bfestyle," he said.

clergymen, or are having affairs with them, have offered their support. But she is contemptuous of the offer.

Having come to terms with her own stupidity, she feels these women should look at what led them to make such an unwise choice and not to bleat about the church's refusal to address the problem.

This Christmas will be the first in fifteen years where she has not harboured an expectation that the father of her son

He said he has been in contact

with Mr Wright by letter about parish matters as "he left in a bit of a

his abject apologies for the hurt he

had caused to so many people. He

had not thought that the effect of his

departure would have been so great.

perhaps relax the rigid proto-col," Dr Qureshi said. "But we

have to develop our experience

of putting these devices in, so

we can't experiment with cases

that are marginal or debatable

until we know that we can do

As the time for the first

operation, on a young girl,

approaches, the mood be-

comes more serious. The two

doctors put on their theatre

gowns and scrub before join-

ing their colleagues around

Each operation takes be-

tween two and a half and three

hours, compared with an aver-

age of between four and five

hours for open-heart surgery.

The actual insertion takes only

about 45 minutes, but before

that the size of the hole has to

be carefully measured by a

process using small inflatable balloons to ensure that the

cardioseal will match re-

uniavourable, and the patient

is returned to the ward and

later informed that there is no

alternative to surgery. "At

present we can't make a final

udgment until the patient is

on the table." Professor Tynan

said. After the operation, the

patient can go straight back to

the ward, instead of to inten-

sive care, and is usually sent

home within 48 hours.

Sometimes the verdict is

the operating table.

There was a naivety about him. I am

cause they were fed up with disruptive pupils mis-behaving in classrooms. The Tory MP, who is also a solicitor, said that he supported the move. which is so different from his own, have been "physically tiring but stimulating spiritually." He has found people's faith intact and

Hunt arrests

About 15 hunt protesters trapped a supporter and his two-year-old son in their Range Rover on a farm track as they fol-lowed the Suffolk Hunt near Long Melford. Up to fl,000 damage was caused to the vehicle before a 19-year-old woman and a man of 28, both from Cambridgeshire, were arrested for alleged criminal damage and public order offences.

Channel switch

A fast catamaran service is to replace ferry sailings on the Ramsgate-Dunkirk route from May. Sally Ferries is teaming up with the fast-craft company Holyman to operate a 74metre calamaran carrying 600 passengers and 84 cars and making eight 90minute crossings a day. From March, the new partnership will also operate two catamarans to Ostend from Ramsgate.

Mother's death

A mentally handicapped man has been found trying to feed and wash his mother a month after she died. Michael Brewer, 41, had told concerned neighbours in Southampton that his 71-year-old mother, Dorothy, was staying inside because she had a cold. When they called the police, Mrs Brewer's body was found in a chair. She had died of natural

BA aid flight

More than £3.6 million in unwanted foreign coins and notes has been given to charity by British Airways passengers and crew. Passengers now donate an average of £100,000 a month to the Change for Good scheme. which was set up in 1994. Saudi riyals, Hong Kong dollars. Japanese yen and Indian rupees are among the most popular currencies donated.

Other pioneering tech-niques used at the Evelina Sleepless nights include "stents", metal tubes inserted in blocked veins or More than a million pararteries to enlarge them; artificial coils to close the gap ents are suffering from

sleep deprivation inflicted between the aorta and the by young children, a new pulmonary artery; and laser study showed yesterday. beams to burn holes in Institute of Child Health But even the simplest lookfound that two thirds of ing device, such as the parents with babies becardioseal, costs some £2,500, which the National Health tween six and 18 months old are woken regularly. many up to eight times a night. The result was enormous stress on marriages

amazed he was able to carry on his double life for so long," the archlots of rumours, but everyone has been fine with us. We have not done faith and heal the wounds caused by Roddy Wright. I have encountered who suffers from a heart murmour. said his travels around the diocese. Medical 'mechanics' who perform a

modern miracle on the human heart

Catholics.

ON A grey December moming at Guy's Hospital in southeast London, Michael Tynan, professor of pediatric cardiology, and Dr Shakeel Qureshi, a consultant, are readying themselves for a day of what they call "mechanics". They reject the term surgery because the operation they are about to perform is one of the miracles of late 20th-century medical science: the repair of a human heart without of the

use of the surgeon's knife. Professor Tynan. who is also chairman of the Evelina Children's Hospital Appeal, is a bluff, jovial fellow who hides his skills under a veil of ironic mockery. He and Dr Qureshi perform a sort of comedy double-act, ribbing each other and pretending, not altogether convincingly, that theirs is an easy option compared with "the clever people working in neurology".

The two men are taking part in trials of an American device, known as a cardioseal. which is used to seal a hole in a heart between the two main atria. It consists of two tiny. back-to-back plastic "umbrellas" which, when manoeuvred into place, provide a permanent barrier to blood from the veins seeping into the patient's lungs. Until recently, the only means of curing the defect was by open heart surgery. The cardioseal can be inserted through a catheter in the groin and manoeuvred up through an artery to the heart.

Tests began in America in the mid-1980s but had to be temporarily discontinued when it was found that the umbrellas' metal struts were not strong enough. Safety and efficiency trials are now being conducted in several European countries, including France, Germany, Spain and the Netherlands, as well as at Guy's.
"The aim is to carry out

about 200 operations, and

Professor Tynan, left, and Dr Qureshi prepare to operate on a young hole-in-the-heart patient

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prospective patients or, in the

case of children, with their parents. It is made clear to them that the device is still under investigation, that it is being offered as an alternative to surgery, and that there is no

THE MENTIMES CHRISTMAS APPEAL

then stop for about a year or so to see what happens and how patients react." Professor Tynan said. "Each case has to be studied in great detail. We can't afford to take any chances, because we have no past experience to draw on." Every operation is preceded

Service will not pay. A defibrilator implanted in a child's heart costs some £20,000, and an echocard-"After we have done, say, 30 iogram £25.000. Medical miror so operations, we can acles do not come cheap.

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Constant shadow of terrorism haunts envoys

DIPLOMACY is becoming a dangerous job. In the past 20 years, hundreds of diplomats have been assassinated, robbed, mugged, bombed, hi-jacked and held under duress.

Targets for fanatics, terrorists, asylum-seekers and crim-"safe" countries must prepare daily for the possibility of attack. Security and survival training are the essential first lessons of all courses preparing young men and women to

long history of sang-froid under attack. When the Red Guards burnt the British Embassy in Peking during the Cultural Revolution, the staff had to run the gauntlet of chanting Chinese trying to inal gangs, diplomats even in When Indonesians besieged and burnt the British Embassy in Jakarta, Sir Andrew Gilchrist, then Ambassador, walked round the flaming buildings playing the bagpipes.

represent their country.

Mob violence against foreign missions is nothing new and British diplomats have a gurated with the kidnapping



The British envoy Geoffrey Jackson during his 1971 ordeal as a captive of urban guerrillas in Uruguay

The once enviable life of diplomats has been made nightmarish by the need to guard against abduction, violence and murder, Michael Binyon writes

three European diplomats

kidnapped at gunpoint as they

drove into southern Afghani-

stan in 1993. Last year bandits

shot Graeme Gibson, a diplo-

mat in Kenya, while stealing

his car. He died of his wounds.

Personal violence is a con-

stant threat and this year the

Foreign Office gave a warning

that more and more countries

are becoming unsafe. There

has been an increase in vio-

lence, especially in Africa and

the Third World generally,

although random shootings

and robbery are a matter for

increasing concern also in Russia and East Europe.

trained in personal security,

risk avoidance and how to

combat terrorism. The For-

eign Office keeps a watchful

eye on all risks, including

ments, but does not give the

details to do so would defeat

All new diplomats are

of James Cross, Britain's trade representative in Montreal, by Ouebec separatists in 1970 and the seizure in 1971 of Geoffrey Jackson, the British Ambassador in Uruguay, who was held by Tupamaro guerrillas in tiny underground cells for

eight months. Since then violence has stalked British embassies, Two ambassadors have been murdered - in Dublin and The Netherlands - and several have been shot at, attacked or threatened.

Edward Chapman, the head of chancery in the rump British Embassy in Tehran, was kidnapped by six armed men in 1987 at a time when there were no diplomatic relations between the two countries. He was forced out of his car, assaulted in front of his wife and child, dragged away and held for 24 hours.

Jack Dodds, a Second Secre-

broadly similar. Like wartime agents parachuted into enemy territory, diplomats are given psychological preparation for a possible ordeal: how to maintain mental stability during days of confinement and tension, how to get a dialogue going with kidnappers, how to avoid provocation and how to safeguard diplomatic and political secrets.

all anti-terrorist measures are

Such training has proved useful, not only when diplomats are taken hostage but also in assisting negotiations to free other British citizens kidnapped abroad. In the past year alone British diplomats have played key roles in negotiating with kidnappers who have seized Britons in Colombia, Indonesia and Kashmir. The tactics and skills of British diplomats, police and anti-terrorism experts are often in demand even in hijackings and sieges when

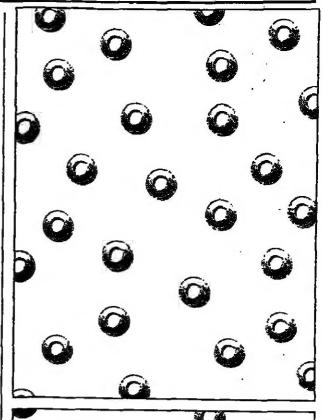
Training for terror, however, is a standard part of all Western diplomacy. Americans, who have suffered the most attacks, now live and work in embassy compounds that have been fortified to become what are hoped to be

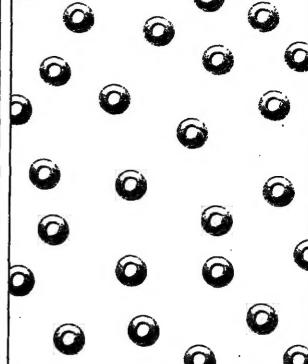
mats must report their movements in advance, and security guards are always on patrol.

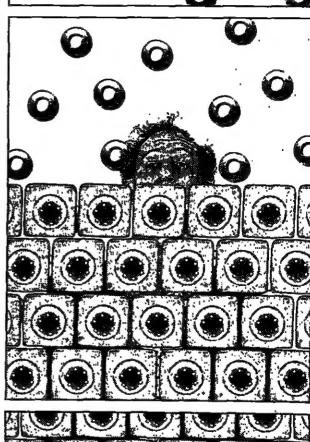
The worst spate of diplomatic kidnappings was in the 1970s, when urban guerrillas in Latin America abducted and murdered the German Ambassador to Guatemala, and in Brazil the envoys of America, Germany and Switzerland were seized and traded at a rising exchange rate for political prisoners. The decade ended with the seizure of the entire American Embassy in Tehran, lasting a record-

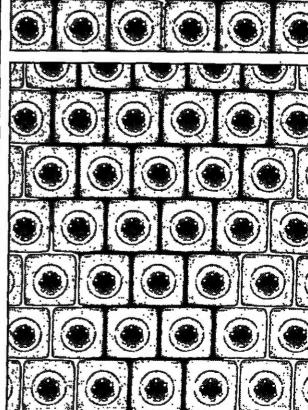
breaking 444 days. Since then, great efforts have been made by host governments to protect diplo-mats. Those from countries targeted by terrorist groups -America, Britain, Turkey and Israel, among others - are guarded in high-walled compounds by armed police.

Even in Germany the British Ambassador rarely goes out without a visible police escort in an armoured personnel carrier. Diplomacy has been constrained, but the number of incidents has fallen slowly, at least until the kidnapping in Peru.











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Tough Fujimori spurns demands of rebel gunmen

From Gabriella Gamini in lima

PRESIDENT FUJIMORI has / decided on a tough line with Peru's hostage-taking rebels. In a short weekend speech, he rejected the demands of the terrorists and refused to rule out an armed rescue attempt.

He described the actions of the rebels as "repugnant", but said he was willing to explore a peaceful solution "which does not violate the human rights of the hostages or

About 30 heavily armed members of the Tupac Amaru Revolutionary Movement are holding more than 360 hostages at the Japanese Ambassador's residence in Lima.

The President's message overshadowed an announcement several hours earlier by Nestor Cerpa Cartolini the. rebel chief, that he would gradually release hostages not connected to Peru's government in the following hours

In a four-minute speech, Senor Fujimori injsted that the rebels lay down their arms and release all hostages, say-ing this would be a clear way to prevent "the use of force by the Peruvian state".

"You cannot talk about a peace accord while using terror as the main argument," said the President, who built his political reputation on giving terrorists no quarter and locking them up. Alluding to rebel demands

that he free some 300 of their jailed comrades, he said: "Freeing people who commit murders and terrorist attacks is unacceptable ... they want dialogue while putting an AK rifle on the necks of the

ges." "non-violent" way out hostages." would be possible only if the rebels surrendered their weapons and released the hostages first, he said. The

weapons to a guarantor committee and free all the hostages without exception."

The words, spoken sternly and quickly, were the President's first public statement since the hostage crisis began on Tuesday night. Hopes of a solution without

bloodshed faded further with a radio message from the rebel leader Cerpa, alias Comandante Evaristo, who said his men would lay down their arms only when some of their demands were met especially that hundreds of their imprisoned comrades should be released from Peru-

Japan and Peru seem to be ironing out earlier differences over how to handle the crisis. The Japanese Prime Minister. Ryutaro Hashimoto, said he backs President Fujimori's firm line. "I want to make clear that the Government supports the proposals in his President Fujimori's mess-

age," said Mr Hashimoto. Yesterday he recalled his Foreign Minister, Yukihiko Ikeda, who has been in Lima since Thursday night, seemingly urging a more concilia-tory attitude towards the

Señor Fujimori's "tough talk", however, raises growing fears for the lives of the hostages. His Foreign Minis-ter, Francisco Tudela, who is among the hostages, pleaded for "negotiations" in a radio link-up that was aired on television on Saturday. He urged for "some kind of direct communication line between the Government and the gun-



Francisco Tudela, the Peruvian Foreign Minister, looks out of a window of the Japanese Ambassador's residence. He has appealed for negotiations to begin

the deadlock in talks. The Japanese Ambassador, Morihasa Aoki, echoed these worries and also spoke on the radio: There are many seriously sick people in here. We are living in atrocious conditions," he said in a shaky voice. "It is indispensable that the Peruvian Government and the MRTA [Tupac Amaru] begin negotiations that ensure

The first television pictures taken inside the building show the hostages crammed into rooms but seemingly calm, playing cards. It also appears that the Peruvian politicians are senarated from the foreign dignitaries.

But what seems most worrying is the rebels' determination. These people are trained to die for the cause," said a former member of the

☐ Rome: The Pope criticised the rebels in Peru and urged the gunmen to release the hostages. Their actions were

"deplorable", he said. "I cannot help but criticise such a cruel and immoral type of coercion," the Pope told pilgrims in St Peter's Square. in his weekly Angelus message. "Violence does not construct the future of a people," he added, speaking in Spanish. (Reuter)

A group of hostages wait together in this picture shown yesterday on Lima's Channel 5 television Opposition to 'shadow'

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Belgrade: Serbian opposi-tion leaders yesterday unveiled shadow governm for dozens of municipalities in their campaign against President Milosevic.

Milosevic

Shortly after the Union of Free Cities and Municipalities of Serbia was formed, about 100,000 protesters began marching through Belgrade. It was the thirtythird consecutive day of demonstrations against Mr Milosevic and his decision to annul election results in dozens of towns and cities won by the opposition.

Heavy rain did not appear to dampen the spirit of the protesters, who jeered and booed as they marched by the state television building to show their displeasure at its pro-Milosevic bias.

In Smederevo, southeast of the capital, officials of Mr Milosevic's Socialist Party convened another demonstration in his support (AP)

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China's blunt instrument faces Patten with death of 1,000 cuts

IN BONG KONG

THERE are now two governments in Hong Kong, one real and one shadow. The question is, which is which? And in the months leading up to the transfer of sovereignty, will Chris Patten, the Governor, be subjected to the political version of the Chinese death by a thousand cuts?

China's handpicked Selection Committee on Saturday chose the 60 members of the provisional legislature which is to replace the present elected Legislative Council on July L China had previously appointed Tung Chee-hwa as the Chief Executive to replace Mr Patten.

Thirty-three members of the provisional council are already members of the Legislative Council. Ten others were defeated in the December elections for the council. which is dominated by democrats and independents. Peking dismissed those elections as violating treaty agreements with Britain.

The provisional council will start meeting and passing laws at once, including legislation dealing with sedition and secession, and dismembering the Bill of Rights, notably guarantees of the freedom of the press and assembly. Although such laws will not come onto the books officially until July 1, their effects will be felt long before

Mr Patten has derided the

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echo chamber" and ordered his officials to avoid it. But Mr Tung says that the present government should face reality and co-operate with the new chamber.

Mr Tung will soon appoint his own Executive Council and senior officials who, he acknowledges, will be ratified in Peking. He says his adminecutive-led, much less poli-tical, devoted to stability", and will encourage "obligations rather than individual rights". Mr Tung was a member of Mr Patten's Executive Coun-

cil until June, when he resigned to prepare to take over as Chief Executive. Until then, Mr Patten and his spokesmen had declared that it was up to Mr Tung, already identified as Peking's man, to decide when it was "no longer appropriate for him to serve in the council". Two other members of the Executive Council, Vincent Cheng and Raymond Chien, were appointed by Peking to the selection

A senior official said: "If Mr Patten started firing all the

Governor denounces ruling body 'farce'

Hong Kong Chris Patten, the Governor, will today have his first "summit" meeting with Hong Kong's post-colonial leader, Tung Chee-hwa (James Pringle writes).

The meeting will be a test of how much Mr Patten will be prepared to co-operate with Mr Tung, a former shipping magnate. At the weekend Mr Patten described the selection of the 60-member provisional council as "a bizarre farce". At the meeting, to be held this afternoon at the Gover-

onial history" after the handover, the two leaders are due to talk about co-operation between the Governor's outgoing administration, now widely seen as a lame duck, and Mr Tung's incoming Chinese one.

On Saturday, after the selection of the provisional council, Mr Patten went on local radio and, in a voice of harely controlled rage, said that, whereas more than one million people voted for the Legislative Council, Peking's new legislature had been nor's residence which is likely elected by 400 people. to become a "museum of colwho cosy up to Peking, very soon there'd be no one in the room except him and Anson." This was a reference to Anson Chan, the Chief Secretary and Deputy Governor. But Mr Tung says he wants

Ms Chan to be his Chief Secretary. How will she and other senior officials now serving Mr Patten, but soon to be appointed by Mr Tung, reconcile their conflicting loyalties and self-interests? And what will they advise Mr Tung to do about the commemoration next June 4 of the Tiananmen Square killings? This year a candle-lit vigil

was held by tens of thousands of demonstrators in Hong Kong's vast Victoria Park. Qian Qichen, the Chinese Foreign Minister, has said a repeat will not be permitted after the handover. Mr Patten says it will be allowed in 1997. Senior Chinese officials, who invariably snub Mr Pat-

ten when they visit here, will be arriving in increasing numbers in coming months. They will be received by Mr Tung. Foreign dignitaries, too, while punctilious about

calling on Mr Patten, will linger longer with the Chief Executive. Winston Lord, the US Assistant Secretary of State, did this recently, even before Mr Tung's formal appointment in Peking, explaining that his Shanghai-born wife and the Shanghai-born Mr Yung are old friends. Soon no one will make such

第一个人们的 Six die as raid ends jail siege

Dhaka: About 4,000 paramilitaries and armed police stormed a high-security jail in Jessore, western Bangladesh, to end a week-long siege by prisoners demanding an amnesty (Ahmed Fazl writes).

The operation began at dawn, when bulldozers knocked down barricades put up by an estimated 2,700 prisoners. At least six people were killed and hundreds injured. Hospital sources said many of the injured could die.

Leader dilemma

Sofia: Reformists in the Bulgarian Socialist Party, wrong-footed by Zhan Videnov's surprise resignation as Prime Minister, failed at an all-night meeting to agree on a candidate to replace him. (Reuter)

Appeal to Eta Llodio: Thousands of protest-

ers marched through this Basque town to urge Eta separatists to free two hostages, the son of a leading glass factory owner and a prison official. (AFP)

Ground control

Paris: As France strives to make public spending cuts to meet the criteria for European monetary union, its air force, which is running out of fuel, has been ordered to abandon all training exercises.

Seasonal lesson in how to fight hysteria with historical correctness

European Commission, aims

to persuade schools to mount

mock elections to the Euro-

pean Parliament in the sum-

mer of 1999 as part of child-

ren's education as "citizens of

This kind of propagandis-c "education" gives the idea

of learning about Europe a

bad name. The project is

directed by Frances Morrell,

former adviser to Tony Benn

and ex-leader of the defunct

Inner London Education Au-

thority, who is also urging the

I f you have been helping a son or daughter with a Christmas quiz and the questions covered history. I'm willing to bet that none tested knowledge of Belarus, the Baltics or Bulgaria. The odds are that few will have mentioned continental Europe.

Britain's postwar school curriculum has been stubbornly resistant to the idea of Britain's entanglement with the rest of Europe. To see this as a defect and disadvantage has nothing to do with wellworn rows over the European Union: we have to know more about Europe irrespective of what happens between Britain and its neighbours in year provoked teachers to



lectual monopoly in debate on Europe is an opportunity, not a threat.

The reorganisation of the National Curriculum last

need to teach more on Europe alarm bells in my mind: Europe into the next version than they currently do. Nick Tate, the Government's curriculum chief, has taken a lot of brickbats for insisting that children learn enough British history to give them a clear sense of identity and for failing to insist on a "Eurodimension". Next month. he will defend his

views at a seminar in London organised by the Federal Trust. The root of the problem lies in the idea that "British" and "European" history are rivals; no British child will acquire much sense of identity without a Eurotion is what sort. The word scholarship is about to give of the National Curriculum, way to special pleading. One due out in 2000. of the Federal Trust's current Ms Morrell's general case projects, financed by the

for more learning about Europe is unimpeachable, but she has in mind telling pupils about the wonders of

The can point to a 1988 ministerial agreement, adopted by Kenneth Baker, then the Education Secretary, among others, that schools would "prepare young people to take part ... in making concrete progress towards European Union." To fend off this kind of rubbish (and lumpy English), schools need to show they are author of the first exciting single-volume history of Europe* published here since the 1930s, energetically denounces these ingrained bias-

es. "Our children aren't

taught in a way that gives them any vision of what Europe is," he says.

To focus his readers' minds, Professor Davies has turned the maps sideways in his book: Western, EU Europe perches on the tip on the vast hinterland of western Russia, Ukraine, Poland and the Balkans. "They can't see quite simple things like the fact that Budapest, Sofia and

body's back is turned, teachers soon pick this up and pass it on. There's no attempt to establish a body of knowledge which makes them aware." It is the body of knowledge, of course, which is the snag. French historians have been active organisers and writers of "joint", multilingual histories of Europe which to no one's great surprise, turn out to see European unification along French lines as historically

necessary and inevitable

not neglecting wider European history simply out of bad habit. Norman Davies, even on its fringe."

Warsaw are not only in none has been a best children can roam more has bee Euro-books. If Lord Tebbit read more history, he would not bang on about "a thousand years of the British parliament", when the Act of Union with Scotland only dates from 1707.

Here is a quiz question prompted by reading Professor Davies's appendix on the rise and fall of European states. Which European state has the longest unbroken history, founded in 1278? Answer: Andorra.

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GEORGE BROCK

Yeltsin prepares to purge 'slackers' on return to Kremlin

FOR the first time in nearly five months. President Yeltsin's motorcade will today sweep through the centre of Moscow and into the Kremlin. as the Russian leader belatedly begins his second term in

While many Russians will greet his return to power as an important step towards stability, others in his ruling circle will have good cause to regard the re-emergence of President Yeltsin on the political stage with trepidation. Throughout his five years in

power, the Russian leader has marked turning points in his career with sweeping personnel changes, and the signs are that a reshuffle is imminent to demonstrate both at home and ahroad that President Yeltsin is back in charge.

On Friday, during a sevenminute televised interview, the Russian leader said that he planned to make a full assessment of how his ministers and aides performed in his absence and vowed to take to task anv "slackers".

The euphoria after elections and my absence caused certain officials to relax." the Russian leader said. "If any of es it will confinue

"We will make calls on everybody - no one will be allowed to rest on their laurels." he said. "We will part with those who dare not show their faces

Russian commentators

have speculated that the figure most at risk is Anatoli Chubais, the young technocrat who runs the presidential administration. His power and influence during President Yeltsin's absence earned him the title of "regent" and made him one of the most hated figures in the country. President Yeltsin sacrificed him almost exactly a year ago when he needed to improve his public profile and he may do so again.

"On the one hand, Yeltsin has an interest in keeping Chubais in office as a competent and hard-working per-son. On the other hand, the President is known to dislike people who can present a challenge to his authority," wrote Tatyana Malkina, the Kremlin correspondent of the

daily Segodnya newspaper. However, other figures responsible for the recent crisis over uncollected and unpaid taxes may also be in the firing them Yev like this, they are dead wrong. Yasin, the Economy Minister, Chechen capital. (Reuter)

and Aleksandr Livshits, Finance Minister.

But, if there are purges at the top, there will also be the opportunity for promotions. Anatoli Kulikov, the controversial Interior Minister who once commanded Russian forces in Chechnya, is widely tipped to become a Deputy Prime Minister

Another likely beneficiary of President Yeltsin's return to office is Tatyana Dyachenko. the Kremlin leader's younger daughter. According to Georgi Satarov, a presidential political adviser, Mrs Dyachenko could become the Kremlin's Chief Press Officer.

Elsewhere in the former

Soviet Union, hundreds of thousands of separatists in Moldova's breakaway republic of Trans-Dnestr went to the polls vesterday to elect a President. In the latest sign of defiance against the authorities in Kishinev. Igor Smirnov. the incumbent, appeared to be headed for a comfortable reelection win over Vladimir Malakhov, a local manager. ☐ Mine deaths: Five boys aged between ten and 12 died yesterday when they stepped on mines beside a road six miles from



nhia Loren at vesterday's civic ceremony in Rome, at which thousands, below, paid their respects to the actor Marcello Mastroianni

farewell to loved son Mastroianni FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

Rome bids a sad

Mastroianni, the actor who ersonified the quintessential Latin lover of the 1960's dolce vita era. At a moving civic ceremony in Campidoglio Square, the women in his life set aside their differences to mourn their common love. who died in Paris on Thursday of pancreatic cancer.

This is one of the saddest days of my life," said a sobbing Sophia Loren. "I spent 20 years making films with him and Vittorio di Sica [the director]. So one could say that my youth has died with Marcello," At Signora Loren's side and also weeping was Flora Carabella, the actor's

Both women were comforted by Francesco Rutelli, the Mayor of Rome, as the screen idol's simple coffin was carried from the square on its way to the city's Verano cemetery. As the service, attended by thousands of people, ended, the haunting music from the film 82, directed by Federico Fellini. echoed across the square under a bright winter sun.

On Saturday at least 15,000 people, led by President Scalfaro, filed past the coffin in the Campidoglio Palace to pay their respects to the 72ector. The tribute continued for three hours before yesterday's service, with Alberto Sordi, the veteran comic actor, and Signora Loren, wearing a green and scariet scari over a black dress, among the last to arrive. By then the coffin was wholly covered in flowers.

Describing the actor as "the king of the common people" because of his tough childhood in a Rome suburb, II Messaggero said that the lack of friction between his "harem" of women was "the last miracle of a dolce vita".

The women in the actor's life had agreed that one of his

called "Caterina"), should arrange the Roman Catholic funeral held for him in a chic Parisian church last week. Anna Maria Tato, his last companion, also attended that

"With his violent passions, shared with Faye Dunaway, women. Mastroianni had a hectic romantic, and therefore very much envied, life," said Il Messaggero. "He set up different families and loved, and was loved, by the most interesting women in the

refused to end his troubled marriage to Flora. "I have no wish to divorce, not because I regard marriage as a sacrament, but because I see divorce as a great pain," he said. In the wake of his death, the Roman press has wondered if the actor, renowned for his generosity to the many women in his life, had left

Signor Mastroianni always

had even made a will. In the 1960s, the profligate spending of Signor Mastrosuccess of La Doice Vita, he continued to play the part of the playboy, driving around Rome in Ferraris and

money to any of them or if he

In 1966 he bou ing villa on the Via Appia Antica, the Roman consular road, and subsequently also acquired properties at Lucca

Between 1968 and 1974 his generosity to Mme Deneuve and to Ms Dunaway was reported to be unbounded. He also did his best for his daughters, Barbara, whom he had by Flora, and Chiara, the

daughter of Mme Deneuve.
"He had to think about too many people," Il Messaggero said. "Marcello used to say that women had given him a great deal but that some of them also had asked for a lot

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Farmers lift barricades in Greece

Athens: Militant farmers yesterday lifted their road and rail blockades which had crippled Greece and let land transport move freely for the first time in 24 days.

It was a big victory for Costas Simitis, the Prime Minister, who had refused to vield to the farmers' demands. The barricades, made up of thousands of tractors, had caused transport chaos and inflicted more than £60 million damage on the economy. Within hours of the decision to call off the protest -- by the main farmers' committee in Thessaly - long stretches of motorways looked like abandoned refugee camps. Cleanup crews moved in to clear

The farmers said the decision was a seasonal gesture to the Greek public which had supported them throughout their struggle. They had want-ed lower fuel prices, higher price supports, lower VAT on equipment and the rescheduling of £780 million in debts. (Reuter)

Defections by 11 MPs blight hopes of 'dictatorial' Dini

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

THE ambition of Lamberto Dini. the Italian Foreign Minister, to become Prime Minister again hit a snag yesterday after il renegade MPs angrily resigned from his party Rinnovamento Italiano (Italian Renewal), complaining bitterly of his "dictatorial tendencies'

Signor Dini founded the political grouping to contest the general election held in April and it was crucial in the victory of the centre-left Olive Tree alliance headed by Romano Prodi, the Prime Minister. However, on Saturday a meeting of the party's 25 members of the Chamber of parliament, became acrimonious as seven former Socialist Party members, headed by Enrico Boselli, declined to serve any longer under the

leadership of Signor Dini. Also deeply dissatisfied with the leadership of 11 Rospo (the Toad), as Signor Dini is known to the Italian press, were three members of the "Italian Pact," a mini-party for constitutional reform headed by Mario Segni, a Sardinian a referendum that introduced an end to Italy's archaic proportional representation

voting system. Foreign Minister with only 14 deputies still loyal to him. which is less than the quorum required to form a parliamentary group in Italy, meaning he may have to dissolve his party. Signor Boselli threat-ened also to tear asunder Signor Dini's party in the Senate, the upper house, because there are insufficient conditions for the unity of a group in which a single component has tried to dominate an alliance between different political parties"

Signor Dini began his parliamentary career as a man of the Right, serving as ernment headed by Silvio Berlusconi, the media tycoon and head of the conservative Forza Italia party. However, he threw in his lot with the Left this year, on the ground that he was concerned by the activities of Gianfranco Fini, the "post-Fascist" National Al-

The parliament -yesterday approved the Government's 1997 austerity budget, drawn up in a last-gasp effort to prepare for the launch of the single European currency. The package, which aims to slice E25 million from next year's projected deficit; was passed by the lower house of with two abstentions.

☐ Christ's millions: Italy's parliament has approved a Bill granting about £1.4 billion to projects in Rome to mark the 2,000th anniversary of Christ's birth, parliamentary sources said. The decision was keenly awaited by those involved in preparations for the celebrations, when about 40 million pilgrims and tourists are expected in the city during the holy year. (AFP)

Drinks on £180m Fat One at Costa Blanca bar

HYSTERICAL screams erupted at Bar Miguelin in a poor suburb of Valencia on Spain's Costa Blanca yesterday. Number 56169, which clients had shared in El Gordo (the Fat One), the world's biggest state-run cash lottery, had just been declared the winner of the top £180 million prize. Their share of the winnings was E15 million. They had stuck resolutely to the same number for four years for the twice-weekly state lottery draws. Clients

found that the 500 pesetas (£2 38p) tickets they had bought from the bar owner. Miguel Ortiz, were going to pay out at 10,000-1. One man found he was worth £2.38 million. Within minutes the Valencia street was

packed with revellers. If there was mayhem at Miguel's bar, there was less physical, but equal delight, down the road at the old folk's club. Here the Association of Pensioners was also a winner, as were staliholders at Valencia's central market. El Gordo paid out a total of £800 million in orizes from Menorca to the

Canary Islands. Spaniards had invested more than £30 each. It took three hours yesterday morning for the boys and girls of San Idelfonso Orphanage in Madrid to chant out the hundreds of numbers and their corresponding prizes.

Flood havoc: Torrential rain added to

flood havoc in southern Spain yesterday after a week of downpours. About 50 roads were closed and two rail links cut. A child of two and a 42-year-old were killed in Leon, northwest Spain, when their bus skidded in rain and hit a truck. Three Islamic h

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Confession by Gingrich threatens job as Speaker

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

NEWT GINGRICH was In a letter to them, their fighting to save his job as Speaker last night after his stunning confession, following two years of denials, that he had broken ethics rules of the House of Representatives.

In a statement, Mr Gingrich admitted to having "brought down on the people's House a controversy which could weaken the faith people have in their government". An ethics subcommittee concurred, saying he had brought discredit on the House by failing to seek legal advice before using tax-exempt funds for political purposes and by then providing the committee with "inaccurate, incomplete and unreliable information" about

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the money.

Mr Gingrich agreed that false statements were given to the committee over his signature. "I accept responsibility for this and I deeply regret it." he said. He had sought no personal gain, but "clearly I wish this had not happened."

These were words of ex-

traordinary contrition for the man who led the Republican takeover of the House two years ago with swaggering self-confidence. Recalling how he had hoped to inspire Americans to take control of their destiny, he conceded: "I was over-confident and, in some ways, naive."

His political foes were making much of the fact that Mr Gingrich inspired the ethics charges that brought down another Speaker, Jim Wright, a Democrat, who was forced to resign in 1989 over charges of using the office to enrich

himself The question now is wheth-er the humility of Mr Gingrich will be enough. His allies in the Republican leadership swung into damage control yesterday, urging his re-elec-tion when the new House votes for a Speaker on January 7. They claimed to be confident of victory, which will require college course when its offici-the votes of 218 of 227 House Pals developed and administhe votes of 218 of 227 House Republicans.

chairman, John Boehner, tried to soften the impact. He said Mr Gingrich's willingness to acknowledge an unintentional mistake was refreshing, and while the error was regrettable it was not significant enough for him to step down

Democrats took a much harsher view, demanding that he leave the office which, unlike Britain, carries powerful political leadership and is second in line to the presidency after the Vice-President. David Bonior, Democratic whip and a leading antagonist, accused Mr Gingrich of a pattern of tax fraud, lies and

cover-ups.

The ethics committee has yet to decide what punishment to recommend to the full House, but the humble tone of Mr Gingrich's confession was in effect a plea bargain. While Democrats are pressing for censure that would remove him as Speaker, Mr Gingrich is seeking a less serious repri-mand that would not preclude

his becoming Speaker again. Mr Gingrich's troubles stemmed from a college course he taught and a televised public forum three years ago. Both were politically partisan, but were paid for and run by non-profit organ-isations with tax-exempt status.

The committee faulted Mr Gingrich for not seeking legal advice about the legality of the tax-exempt financing for political activity. Tax lawyers told the committee they would have advised against it. Mr Gingrich agreed he had been careless and wrong not to seek legal counsel to ensure compliance with the law.

The committee also found it was misled by two letters by and on behalf of Mr Gingrich falsely denying that Mr Ging-rich's political action committee was connected with the



Nazarenes walking through the souk of the town where Jesus grew up. Vendors compete to sell souvenirs to a diminishing number of pilgrims

Donkey work is now shifting rubbish in squalid town of Jesus

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN NAZARETH

WERE Joseph and Mary to make the Christmas journey today, they would find immigrants from the former Soviet Union in the donkey market and Russian prostitutes being touted in the hotel named after the archangel Gabriel.

The insignificant Galilee village in which Jesus grew up almost 2,000 years ago is today the largest Arab town in Israel with a population of 60,000. Of those, at least 60 per cent are Muslims.

A further 60,000 Israelis, many from the former Soviet republics, live in Nazareth Ilit or Upper Nazareth, a Jewish development town whose functional architecture is anything but biblical. it was built on land that Arabs claim was seized by Jews to form a barrier between Nazareth proper and other Arab villages to the

According to the Israel Tourist Information Office, which sits among the blowup Santas and tasteless decorations (including a Father Christmas rug in Palestine Liberation Organisation colours) with which the Arab shopkeepers try to extract money from a dwindling number of pilgrims, there are no donkeys left for hire in

Many donkeys are still to be found in the town, but all are used by the municipality to collect rubbish from the narrow, winding streets of the Old City above the Church of the Annunciation.

"There are 20 collectors working with the donkeys and all are from the former Soviet Union," said Andrei, from the Ukraine. "Even the Arabs refuse to do this demeaning kind of work now and we are the only ones who will do it." He used to be a photographer. Among other members of the donkey squad are a former ballet star from Uzbekistan who won the title "Hero of the Soviet Union", and Yacov, a former

truck driver from Belarus. Although animal rights campaigners are agitating to have the donkeys replaced by



vehicles. Arab residents are sceptical. "This city has been neglected for so long financially by the Jews that we do not expect a rapid change," said Bishop Riah Abu el-Assal the leading Anglican

Andrei, although a Chris-

tian - as are at least a third of the 700,000 immigrants who have arrived in Israel since the collapse of communism was unmoved by the religious associations Nazareth, where Jesus reputed to have spent 28 years, despite a \$100 million (£62 million) refurbishment programme now under way

or millennium celebrations. It is dirty and a dump. without decent work for its inhabitants or even pleasant buildings," he complained. "My wife is Jewish, but we are hoping to leave for Budapest where I will start a proper job as a taxi driver. At least there the people will treat me with some respect."

Close to the stinking stable where the donkeys are housed is the former "Carpenters' Quarter". This area is in decline as craftsmen

have moved away from Nazareth's traffic jams or ioined the continuing exodus of Arab Christians from the Holy Land. The bishop estimates they now form 1.5 per cent of the population.

Ashad Abu Nahleh, 42, is the owner of one of only four carpentry shops where until a few years ago there were 30. Last Christmas, he and his wife and their three children made the journey to Bethlehem. "In Joseph's time. it would have taken at least six days, with Mary riding on a donkey," he said. "We went in a Fiat Punto and it took less than four hours."

Amid the urban sprawl of modern Nazareth, new temptations face those pilgrims who have braved the threat of Jewish-Arab violence to visit the spot where, according to Luke, the archangel Gabriel appeared before Mary and told her: "You will conceive and bring forth a son and call

him Jesus." In the bar of the St Gabriel Hotel, Albert, the Israeli Arab in charge of organising Christmas festivities, leant over and whispered: "I have six Russian girls in Upper Nazareth. If you are interested. I will drive you over - it is a service for special guests." This is the first in a series on a journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem by The Times Middle East correspondent.



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Onassis will falls short of estimates

New York: The children of Jacqueline Kennedy Onas-sis's will almost certainly not set up a planned charitable. trust with their inheritance because their mother's estate is worth far less than originaily thought at the time of her death in 1994 (James

In court documents, the former First Lady's executors have valued her estate widely believed to have exceeded \$100 million (£60 million) — at just \$43.7 million. Mrs Kennedy Onassis made provision for the creation of a tax-free trust, named after her two children, that would make annual donations to charity for 24 years before passing the money to her grandchildren.

After distributing property to the children, making bequests and paying ex-penses, the estate has \$18 million left, but owes \$23 million in death duties. The children are liable for the



Onassis: children owe

Islamic hardliners test tolerance of Morocco

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN IN MARRAKESH

ISLAMIC fundamentalism is making clear strides in Morocco, the one North African country to have resisted its advance so far. Young religious radicals.

watched over keenly by the Moroccan authorities and muzzled by no-nonsence laws. are resorting to guileful ways to spread their message, now focused on women.

Female "moralists", unable to proselytise openly for fear of arrest, have targeted hammams — segregated public baths — preaching to fellow customers the virtues of the veil, the evils of Western ways and the urgent need for a state governed by Sharia (Islamic law). The authorities have taken increasingly to posting policewomen at hammams, but their ranks are not extensive enough to counter this

new phenomenon. Yet for all its apprehension. the Moroccan Government is better placed than any other in the region to keep Islamic fundamentalism in check.

Unlike in neighbouring Algeria, riven by bloody civil war, Islam has always enjoyed considerable breathing space in Morocco. King Hassan, whose dynasty boasts direct descent from the family of the Prophet Muhammad, has used his status as Emir al-Muminin (Commander of the Paithful) to masterly effect, appropriating Islamic imagery for use in official rhetoric.

Now in the 35th year of his reign, the King has never advocated the kind of relent-

less secularism which has

reaped such a backlash in Algeria and, to a lesser extent, in Tunisia and Egypt. He is not unduly paranoid in his approach to fundamentalist parties, and has even de-scribed their members as basically good people who are devout Muslims". Showing all the strategic sense of a consummate survivor, he has sown divisions among the main Islamic parties by offering political legitimacy in exchange for an oath of allegiance to the monarchy.

The second largest Islamic

party, al-Islah wa Tajdid (Reform and Renovation), has accepted the King's overtures. its leader, Abdelilah Benkirane, 42, a former physics teacher, said recently: "Moroc-co's monarchy has Islamic legitimacy, and is both our social arbiter and the cement for national unity." Wags in Rabat, the capital, joked that King Hassan himself could

Algerian rebels die in farm lair

not have written a better script

Paris: Algerian security forces killed 18 Muslim rebels when they stormed a hide dag by suspected guerrillas underneath some greenhouses on a farm south of here, an Algerian newspaper said yesterday. The French-language Liberté said they were believed to be a splinter faction from the Armed Islamic Group. (Reuter)

for Mr Benkirane. But the largest Islamic party, al-Adl wa al-Ihsan (Justice and Spirituality), remains a banned organisation. Its leader, Abdesslame Yassine, is in his sixth year of house arrest, having stubbornly refused to reach an accord with the King. The party is believed to have 20,000 clandestine members, many in the universities, and the authorities fear its highly motivated cells are present in the Army, the Civil Service, the legal and teaching professions, and among doctors.

Speaking to The Times at

his spartan flat in Rabat, Arslame Fatallah, the party's second-in-command, accuses the Government of harassment, detention and torture" of his members. He said: "We are a non-violent party which demands for the people of Morocco the right to be gov-erned by representatives of their own choice, and by the laws of their own religion." Although he refused to say so outright ("the subject is absolutely taboo in Morocco"). he implied transparently that his party could not accept that the monarch had any religious

status whatsoever.
It cannot be denied, however, that most Moroccans are transfixed by the religious charisma of the King; and it is this factor which has served as an antidote to Islamic fundamentalism. With the exception of Mr Yassine's movement, Morocco's opposition parties call not for the abolition of the monarchy, but only for its

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SIX years after Lebanon's warring militias hung up their guns, the battles now being lought on the streets of Beirut are between international fast-food restaurants desperate to attract the thousands of affluent young Lebanese who returned from the West at the end of the 16-year

From Nicholas Blandford

IN BEIRUT

The latest conflict is being fought between two rival hard rock cases. The original Hard Rock Cafe, owned by the Rank Organisation, opened for business

yesterday but was preceded by a rival Canadian chain, which opened its version last month. While both restaurants sport the same name and similar logos and are replete with rock 'n' roll memorabilia, Marwan Shehadeh, of Rockaf, the franchisee of the Londonbased restaurant, played down any resemblance. The new Hard Rock Cafe has "a 45ft high guitar made from 25,000 light bulbs hanging on the outside of the building." Mr Shehadeh says. "It will be the first sight of Beirut for all planes landing at the aircraft"

Rock cafés duel for limelight in Beirut

swingers are looking forward to gazing at the restaurant's rock memorabilia that include a leather jacket which once belonged to Madonna and the handwritten lyrics to John Lennon's Imagine. Both cafés face competition. Names

such as The Lone Star Café, Henry J.Bean's, Pizza Hut, Kentucky Fried Chicken, the Baskin Robbins Ice Cream Parlour and Shrimpy, the US-owned seafood chain, have opened in the last three years and attract youngsters enrulating the lifestyles they left in the West. landing at the airport."

The latest to arrive is Planet the first in the Middle East. The latest to arrive is Planet Hollywood,

'It's like finding a family of Neanderthals living in 1996'

Mysterious skulls unearthed on the Indonesian island of Java suggest that Homo erectus, a primitive ancestor of modern man, existed just 27,000 years ago. Anjana Ahuja reports

been turned on its head. Fossils found on the Indonesian island of Java suggest that Homo erectus, an ape-like ancestor of modern man, existed a mere 27,000 years ago. Why has this simple date caused such a

rumpus? Homo erectus was thought to have died out about 200,000 years ago, leaving the planet the exclusive domain of their more advanced descendants human beings, or Homo sapiens. Now scientists suspect that in the midst of this extinction, a small erectus community survived on Java until between 53,000 and 27,000 years ago. In other words, prehumans stalked the Earth at the same time as human beings. As a report in today's issue of Newsweek puts it: "It's like

finding a family of Neander-thals living in 1996." If these dates are accurate, questions raised by this unexpected overlap between human beings and our primitive ancestors. Did this small, strange tribe ever meet humans, go to war with them or interbreed? And since the beetle-browed Neanderthals, a subspecies of Homo sapiens and our most direct ancestors, were wiped out only 30,000 years ago, isn't it just possible

revelations will do nothing for creationists, who support the biblical notion of the uniqueness of mankind. The major upset, though, has come in the field of anthropology. There are two

that all three species coexisted? Also, the

dominant theories on human evolution. The first, nicknamed the Out of Africa. theory, is that prehumans evolved in one place (Africa) and then migrated 1.8 million years ago to Europe, the Middle East and Asia. Then, 1.6 million years later, or 200,000 years ago, human beings appeared in Africa. In a second wave of migration, humans spread through the world, displacing prehumans. The alternative explanation, called

multi-regionalism, contends that this second migration never happened. Instead, the Homo erectus communities around the world evolved naturally into Homo sapiens. The new finding has put this second theory under threat - after all, why should natural evolution take place everywhere except Java?

Supporters of the multi-regionalism argument have found the results hard to

he world of anthropology has stomach. However, Dr Carl Swisher, the geologist who led the research, is unre-pentant. "Whenever you try to drastically change the age of a species, especially when there are two opposing theories, you are bound to run up against opposition."
he says. "This work is only one little piece in a big puzzle, but it happens to support

the Out of Africa theory.

Dr Swisher, from the Berkeley Geochronology Centre in California, and colleagues in America and Canada, dropped their bombshell just over a week ago in the American journal Science. But the story started three years ago, when Dr Swisher decided to examine some skulls unearthed in Java in the Thirties.

The 12 partial skulls, found near the villages of Ngandong and Sambungmacan.

had eluded definitive ageing. Experts

guessed from their peculiarly large braincases that they were between

100,000 and 400,000 years old; in other

words, they could have been either erectus

or sapiens. However, many palaeontolo-

gists, including Susan Anton, from Flori-

da University, a co-author on the Science paper, plumped for Homo erectus.

dying out 200,000 years ago as believed? Dr Swisher and two Canadian colleagues

- Henry Schwarcz and Jack Rink, from

McMaster University in Hamilton, On-

tario - embarked on a mission to find out

the true ages of the skulls. But there was a

big problem — the authorities in Java would not let them chip a small sample off

in case the delicate skulls were destroyed.

expedition to the sites furnished them

with animal teeth plucked from the same

fossil bed as the skulls. They assumed,

The team came up with a solution. An

tantalising possibility loomed — was it possible that erectus could

have survived as recently as

100,000 years ago, instead of

contentiously, that because the teeth came from the same spot, they would be the same age as the skulls.

The scientists tried electron spin resonance dating, which put the enamel teeth at between 27,000 and 53,000 years old. suggesting the skulls were this age, too. These numbers seemed too young," Dr Swisher says, "We decided to date additional specimens, and specimens from other sites. We got the same number."

An alternative dating method, using the radioactive decay of uranium in fossils, threw up the same numbers. By now, word of the result was beginning to leak out. Dr Swisher says: "We knew we either had to talk fast or publish fast. It's not good to stir up controversy over hearsay. So, as we had run out of tests, we decided to go with what we had." The

backlash was swift. But given the importance of the story both Newsweek and Time today devote swaths of space to arguments and counter-arguments - it was inevitable. Critics claim that the assumption that the teeth and skulls date back to the same era is Dr Swisher retorts that

there is no evidence to suggest that the Java sites harbour specimens from more than one time period. "The ad hoc chance of selecting multiple specimens from a mixed-age site, and finding them

all to be the same age, is, geologically speaking, impossible," he says. The skulls' cranial capacity falls between erectus and sapiens, leaving a faint possibility that it might be a human skull. As for trying to date the skulls themselves. Dr Swisher says that although it would be helpful, bone does not

hope is that there are plant remains from the same location, which would allow us to try carbon dating," he says. Meanwhile, Dr Swisher maintains that their results are the most accurate. "The only possible reason for people not to believe them is that they don't want the

Java hominids to be young. That's

because it is so different from the dogma

date as accurately as enamel. "The only

If no carbon remains are found, the Java skulls will have triumphed in keeping their extraordinary histories a mystery. However, the shadow they have cast over our ideas of evolution is likely to hang in the air for a very long time.

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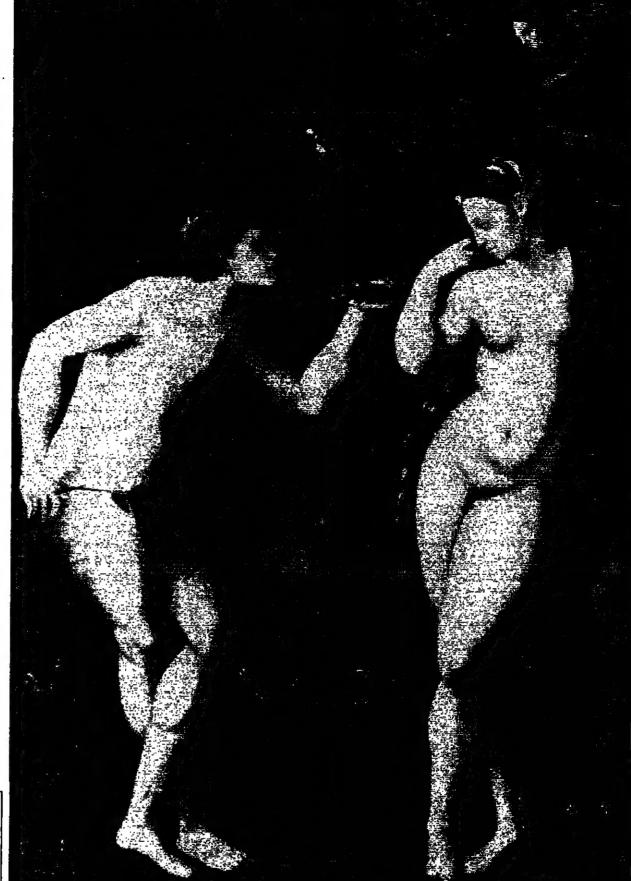
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The crystals of iron oxide found inside them show a pattern of growth which is sometimes seen in minerals produced by volcanoes, but never in living things. The temperatures needed to produce them are also too high for life, a US team has

A second study suggests that the oily hydrocarbon molecules found inside the meteorite are the result of contamination as it lay for 12.000 years in the Antarctic, and not of life on Mars. The same compounds have been identified in a sample of

The new challenges cast doubt on the claims made by scientists from the US space agency Nasa in August, and hailed by President Clinton. that the microscopic objects found in the meteorite are evidence of life. But Profes-

Doubts over life on Mars sity in Cleve-land, Ohio,

ger of the Open University, the first to identify lifelike features in Martian menew evidence.

"Our claims are based on six which all add together to case for life on

Mars," he said.

"An attack on iust one of those doesn't demolish the case." The new evidence comes from geoscientists Ralph

Harvey, of Case Western

the job of popping the buds.

They are not as good as the

birds, but they still double

the number of seeds ripened

per flower, which could be

the difference between ex-

tinction and survival for the

Nowhere else in the

world, say the scientists, has

a bee learned to do a bird's

work. New Zealand has no

though plenty of imported

ones, and provides an ex-

treme example of how one

species can take over anoth-

er's niche in an impover-

ished island fauna.

BRIEFING Nigel Hawkes

SCIENCE

ry McSween, of the University They have examined the magnetite particles from within

John Bradley.

of a company called MVA,

based in Nor-

cross, Georgia,

specialising in

microsopic an-

alysis, and Har-

"fossils" using a technique called ion milling, which enables them to prepare samples a few millionths of a centimetre thick.

week in the journal Geochimica et Cosmochimica Acta that when they looked at the magnetite particles lengthwise, they found a dark line running up the

These things grew like a tightly wound spiral stair-case, and this line is the axis around which the staircase winds," Dr McSween told New Scientist

This pattern of crystal growth is called an axial screw dislocation, and is only found on Earth at where hot gases emerge from the ground condensing to form whiskers that

grow like a staircase. It has not been found in magnetite produced by living things.

Defenders of the life on Mars hypothesis argue that this was only one plank in their platform, and that the rest remains intact.

The bees that do a bird's job



mas Dave Kel-

ly and Jenny Ladley of the University of Canterbury in Christchurch, New Zealand, revealed the sad story of the decline of a

variety of mistletoe with exploding flower buds. The plant was threatened open themselves, but need a bird to pop them open and pollinate the plants. Native birds with the right twistgrip needed to open the buds

are becoming scarce, putting

the future of the plants in

jeopardy. In this week's Na-An early start ture, they provide a more encouraging follow-up. In the absence of birds, tiny to trading solitary bees of the genus Hylaeus have proved up to

man sailed across the Pacific 6,000 years ago, according to telltale traces of

the mineral obsidian found at an archaeological site in Borneo. This puts back the earliest date for long distance trading across the Pacific by 2,500 years.

Archaeologists Stephen Chia and Robert Tykot told meeting of the Materials Research Society in Boston earlier this month that the flecks of the volcanic black mineral found at Bukit

Tengkorak originated more than 2,000 miles away to the east, on the island of New Britain and one of the Admiralty Islands. There are no sources of obsidian close to the Borneo site.

The claim is based on the relative abundance of li different compounds in the mineral. Materials derived from the sediments in which the obsidian was found have been carbon-dated to 4,000 BC. Previously, the first evidence of long-distance trading dates to 1.600 BC. when seafarers left traces of pottery, obsidian, and other ornaments across the central Pacific. If accepted, the finding is likely to affect understanding of how and when

the islands of the Pacific

ashall I wear th SALE NOW ON The apparent overlap between human beings and our ape-like ancestors will do nothing for the creationist theory Meteor 'life forms' could be mineral, a new report suggests



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Joe Joseph orders a suit from Savile Row via Shanghai; Jane Shilling Hadde Taking the measure of the man Subank are also customers. Its since company, Remard Westherill, also housed at \$ Savile Row. Remard Westherill, also housed at \$ Savile Row. Remard Westherill, also housed at \$ Savile Row.

shoes below, white shirt collar Tippexed to mask yesterday's sweat stains — it is easy to assume that it took them all of six minutes to get dressed that morning. But if you bothered to stop to ask them, you'd discover that it took only three

There is an an important scientific message hidden in here concerning how we men hypothesise about our appearance. We hypothesise that wearing an anonymous navy business suit ensures that, no matter which navy business suit we choose, we will look (a) much the same, and (b) more or less presentable.

All men believe this immutable Newtonian law until they reach that stage in their sartorial progress when they come face-to-face with a fulllength mirror.

This is the moment when many men decide to buy a decent suit. (Many others, of course, decide that it's cheaper to throw away their full-length

But what kind of suit? Bespoke or off-the-peg? Is there really much difference between a handsewn, made-to-measure suit and an off-the-peg two-piece? Apart from the fact that the bespoke suit fits you without some salesman frantically clutching six inches of surplus waistband as you gauge how you look in the mirror.

The big difference is that a bespoke suit, cut specifically for your body, tends to hang well. Of course, the off-the peg also hangs well, but usually only on the peg. An off-the peg suit fits perfectly if you have broad but slim shoulders, along with a flattle below flattish, oblong body.

Does this sound like you? It does? Then, once

on, the suit will look exactly how it does on the hanger, because if this really is your shape, the chances are that you probably are a hanger. If you also have sharply creased, paper-thin legs that fold in two, sing Hosanna because your clothesshopping problems are over.

As for the rest of us, the minute we get those tweeds off the hanger and put them on, the ancient suit gods become so enraged at being disturbed that they immediately congregate for emergency protest rallies in unflattering places such as the abdomen, or shoulders (left or right, but never both simultaneously or symmetrically). At this point, those who are rich enough for barmy enough?) to spend £2,000 on a suit head for Savile

If you want your clothes to make a loudstatement, don't go shopping in Savile Row - buy a T-shirt that says "I feel porky for Miss Piggy". In Alan Bennett's play An Englishman Abroad, the thing that Guy Burgess pines for most in his drab Soviet exile is a suit from his London tailor that would free him from the tyranny of Moscow tailors who "dress you up like a bloody

But who can afford to bey suits in Savile Row? Not many Englishmen, though that's hardly your London for a final fitting.

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Marking up: precision is the operative word

arrival of hipper, often slightly cheaper tailors such as Timothy Everest, Richard James, Ozwald Boateng and Mark Powell. Some, like Everest who kitted out Tom Cruise in Mission Impossible - offer a semi-bespoke suit that cuts the man-

hours, and the price, sharply.

Even trend-conscious Ralph Lauren has brought out a pricey Purple Label, which is hand-made in Savile Row, though not made-tomeasure. And jumping on Savile Row's well-cut coat-tails, Levi Strauss recently began offering a made-to-measure service for its denim jeans. But bespoke still hadn't changed enough for most men to abandon the high street.

Then, a couple of years ago, it struck Hugh Holland, managing director of Kilgour French & Stanbury — one of the Row's premier league tailors - that many young men were happily shelling out £600-£800 for Italian designer-name suits which often didn't even fit them.

t about the same time, he chanced on a tailoring workshop in Shanghai's old commercial centre, which had kept alive Savile Row bespoke tailoring skills from the prewar days when Shanghai was one of the world's great cities and the Peace Hotel hummed with the voices of well-dressed English colonials with a Chinese accent enjoying the high life.

He put the tailors to the test, taught them the Kilgour techniques, tried them out on his friends

and is now thrilled enough with the result to launch the £699 Savile Row suit, measured and cut out in the Row and then air-freighted to Shanghai for sewing before being flown back to

Shanghai and back to make sure that the Chinese workshop can guarantee consistent quality

The hand-tailored, two-piece suits, in Holland & Sherry cloth, take about a month from the time you are measured up to walking out with it on your back. And once the cutters in London know your measurements, you can reorder by telephone or fax, which makes it the ultimate in armchair, mail-order shopping.

et's face it, £700 is a lot of dosh to pay for a suit. But if you're the sort of person who is happy to pay that much for a suit, then it's a bargain. You get the eye of an expert cotter, such as John McCabe, who measures you ever so politely without laughing at your physical curiosities or asking why you stuff so much ancient paperwork into your pockets the just tweaks his measurements to cope): the measuring and the cutting is half the expertise of Savile Row. You get civilised service.

You get a chance to fish for gossip about famous clients' kooky habits. (No luck, McCabe is too discreet for that sort of thing.) And you get a hand-sewn suit that fits and which will, so Kilgour swears, last for years after that fancy Italian number has grown saggy from repeated trips to the dry-deaner.

But Mr Holland isn't saying that the suit is as perfect as those made for around £2,200 by Kilgour's own tailors, who sit cross-legged in its Savile Row basement. "To get 10 or 15 per cent better quality you have to pay 50 per cent more,"

And nor is Kilgour doing it because it expects to make a fortune, nor because Hugh Holland is aching to do a favour for misguided men who deserve more out of a £700 suit than they are getting from Milanese boutiques. The reason for this adventure is that Mr Holland is worried about where Kilgour's future British clients (currently about a fifth of business) will emerge

Savile Row customers are traditionally aged over 50: partly because that is when they have cash to spare, partly because good living has distended their bodies into a shape that is trickier to shovel elegantly into an off-the-peg suit. But what worries Mr Holland is that when the current generation of thirtysomethings reaches 50, they will have lost the tradition of graduating to Savile

"There is an ulterior motive in this," he says. "I want people to fall in love with bespoke clothing and then entrance them into moving into our suits made in Savile Row. The new suits, labelled '8 Savile Row', are aiming at 30 to 45-year-olds, an age group which we are missing entirely at the

Kilgour is braced to make 30 suits a month, many from customers coming back for repeat orders orice they see the standard of workman-ship. You know how it is, you order one smart Chinese suit and two months later you fancy ordering another one.



Getting the hang of it: Joe Joseph steps out in his n

What shall I wear this Christmas?

THE goose is ordered, the kitchen stuffed with nets full of Brussels sprouts and clementines, Brazil nuts and

The cupboard under the stairs is clanking with Chateau-bottled medoc and ill-concealed on top of the wardrobe is a pile of socks

and hankies and bath salis and cuddly toys quite sufficient to equip a sizeable United Nations humanitarian aid initiative. So why do I still

Because I haven't got anything to wear, that's why. This business of not a thing to put

Last night

on the street -

St Mungo's

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take people off the street, we find room for their best

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the reasons why the Association has been so successful

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who were in long stay mental institutions are now semi-

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on is largely absent from my day-to-day life. To work 1 wear a pair of imposers that are not jeans, plus a matching knee-length sweater from Marks & Spencer, and at home I wear a pair of Romeo Gigli hipster jeans; which are so unutterably cool that I'm surprised the shop agreed to sell them to me — and a kneelength Marks & Spencer

There is, I like to think, a certain sparse elegance about my solution to the quotidian problem of clothing the na-ked. But somehow, on Christmas Day, jeans and a sweater today both safe at

don't quite cut it.

For a start, everyone else around the festive board will have made An Effort. My parents will be wearing souped-up versions of their usual Sunday finery, which in my father's case

means flannels, a cavalry twill jacket, the funny hat out of his cracker and a pair of goldrimmed half-moon spectacles so that he can read the little slip of paper with a joke from said cracker, and in my mother's will be something

from Jaeger with a full skirt in luminous purple silk, plus her Good Pearls and a tea-towel around her waist with which to fend off any impertinent squirts of molten goose fat.

My son will have been

forcibly inserted into his adorable little red corduroy britches from Bonpoint and the matching cream Viyelia blouse with stumpwork sheep embroidered on the collar. and told that Father Christmas and Rudolph are watching him carefully, and will be straight back to repossess all his presents at the very first sign of any attempt to change into jeans and a sweatshirt. But what, oh what shall I be wearing?

In the past, this question is not one that would have given me a moment's anxiety. In my courting days, which coincided precisely with my churchgoing days — possibly because all the eligible chaps in the village sang in the choir, deliciously clad in floorlength black cassocks and floaty white surplices - the

would find me tripping on my cream calf Manolo Blahnik stilettos into St John the Baptist's Church in a get-up that a New York drag queen might have discarded as a shade over the top.

ber, it was a Fifties dress and jacket from the Oxfam shop in cream Chinese silk, embroidered all over with little cream flowers and birds, which had a completely separate underdress with its very own whalebone stays in all

Kneeling in my gossamer stockings on the dank stone floor I froze, lips turning blue beneath the Paloma Picasso Mon Rouge lipstick.

But it was all well worth it, at the time, a corpulent boy who same the descant to Hark the Herald in a

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thrilling baritone, later said Merry Christmas to me in what struck me as

child had a damp-ening effect both on the social life The latter looks as though it has been visited by the four horsemen of the -sartoriai

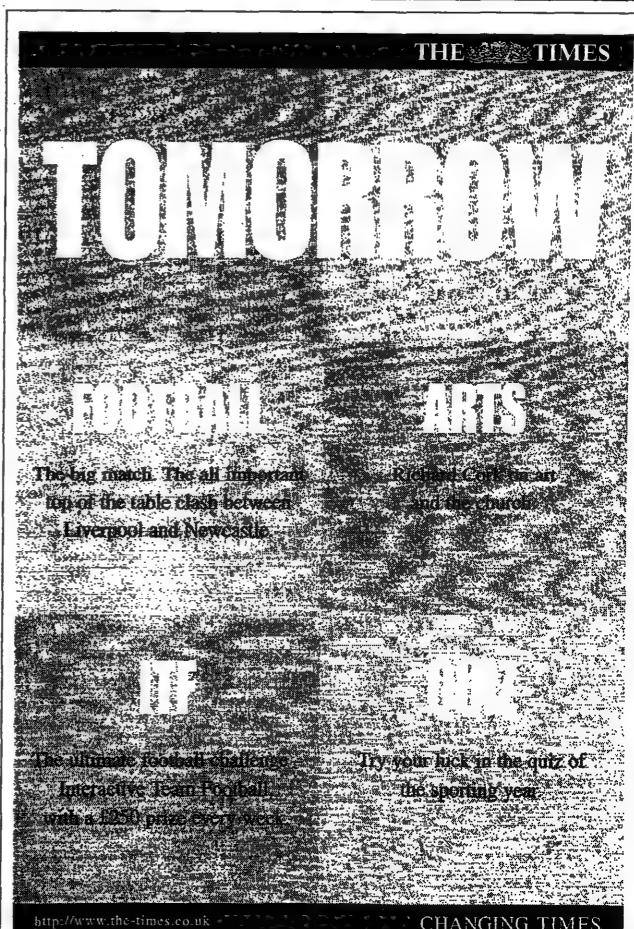
ed anything that requires dry-cleaning, leaving behind a sea of utilitarian machine-washables in shades of Marmite, vegetable puree and fruit And the candielit, holly-

spiked parties of old seem to have dried up, to be replaced by long telephone conversa-tions with friends about isn't Christmas hell.

It is doubtless this some-what unfestive state of affairs that brought on a moment of madness last week. I took my credit card, and I

went to the West End, and

there I bought a black lace frock with a sapphire blue underskirt and petticon straps, a matching pair of black lace shoes, and an angora cardigan spangled all over with supphire sequins. I think I must have thought that if I bought the frock, the party invitation would surely follow. It hasn't, of course. But guess what I'll be wearing on Christmas Day.



and I enclose a cheque/po for £.

ARTS THE WEEK **AHEAD**



RADIO

Dame Judi Dench eads Radio 4's Boxing Day treats. narrating A Wizard of Earthsea PREVIEW: Tomorrow **BROADCAST: Thursday**



OPERA

Mozart for the Christmas season: The Marriage of Figuro comes to the Queen Elizabeth Hall **OPENS: Thursday REVIEW: Saturday**



MUSIC 1996 and all that: was it Oasis's year, or just a mirage? Times

critics look back

POP: Friday CLASSICAL: Saturday



FILM

Anthony Hopkins plays the artist in the new Merchant-Ivory film, Surviving Picasso OPENS: Friday REVIEW: Thursday

is a wound which will leave a scar.

Lord Taylor of Gosforth's reaction

to the disaster was a most power-

There are times when a nerve in the nation is hit. Newspapers are seasoned in this. They can ignite a political scandal or expose a business racket or rattle skelctons in various Cabinets and if the country is, by a mysterious process, ready for it, it becomes the talk of the nation. The new medium of television can also do this occasionally and the Hillsborough docu-drama by Jim-

my McGovern did it. The Government is now considering a re-examination of the whole catastrophe as a result of the play: the victims in Liverpool feel that at last their voice has been heard and heard with understanding. The "nation" in that old sense of fireside-focus television watched

Cathy Come Home had a similar effect. Other dramas - including soaps - have a more sensational presence but Hillsborough, like Cathy Come Home, exposed a deeper truth about ourselves, a deeper anxiety, a fault line in our society in a way

When a nation watches and weeps available. i suggest, only to drama

of a particular writer.

Jimmy McGovern is certainly that. A stammerer until the age of eight, one of whose brothers had, literally, to "translate" for him; a clever Catholic boy who alone in all his large family won a scholar-ship and though brilliant at Eng-lish did not thrive in that environment of the Liverpool Catholic elite; a young man of many apparently dead-end jobs from the age of 16: and by luck and judgment a writer who got himself through work on the stage in Liverpool to the forming furnace of Brookside, to the phenomenon of Cracker and now Hillshorough, which strikes me as his central

His anger - initially to fight the crippling stammer — is his dyna-mo and it is still unaffectedly raw.

His talent grows. His heart is Dickensian. His own adult past through the obsessed imagination gambling, drinking, religious torment - feeds him yet. He is a football fanatic and a terrible critic of much of the modern footballing business. Hillsborough left him speechless with rage and grief and years later he reached for his pen.

We had a tragedy on our hands which, with all apologies for patronising, was Third World in its size and poverty of excuse. An antiquated, dangerous speciatordistribution system met an inadequate police force and the disaster turned stupidity into tragedy and accusations of incompetence.

This shocked us all. What is remarkable is that a single play on television could - years later recall and even advance that shock. If ever we wanted to contemplate the effect of a mere



and columns of talk and articles. then this would be the test case of the past decade.

I do not believe that television

their public appearance. Television is a lie detector and when politicians are economical with the truth it shows.

I do, however, believe that television can have impact (news and sport are the best examples of this) but now and then it can happen elsewhere and Hillsborough was a rare drama because apart from its intrinsic dramatic qualities it had and continues to have impact.

What added to its force was

loothall, it was a play about injustice. It was a play about the tragedy of the innocent. It was a play, alas in our country today, about authority losing its head. But it also rode on the back of a game which has become a cohesive and bonding forum in our

uted to it by politicians who are them scoff. There have been lesser understandably frightened about and more trivial flags around and more trivial flags around which we have gathered and to great effect as a nation. Football, for fun as well as for sport, has taken up some of the space left by so much else as we have regrouped in the past fifty years. And Hillsborough was also football's

tragedy.

McGovern's gift is that not only
does he run with the grain of deep popular feeling, he has developed the ability to express it in a heightened, even an operatic way which does not betray its origins. He is, like many fine writers, a man who knows the People and who speaks for the People in a voice the People would like to own and yet he can put what he says into a form which, in a capsule of time, portrays a universal feeling.

Hillsborough was like a wound
on the body of British television. It

ful and moving tribute both to him and to the constant possibility of decency which exists in our system. McGovern articulated the cry of the heart of a country which longed for justice and catharsis. And it is to the glory of our television that he could and did do it - and with such force - on the most commercial channel, in what is often considered an over-competitive and declining television economy of worth.

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Hillsborough did many things for many people. For the bereaved of Liverpool, for our undoubted British sense of fairness, for our wholly admirable determination to face the failure of the police even though we know that to do this is far from damning them all; but also as very few programmes have done this year, it showed once again that the mundane little box in the corner of the room can, come the author, come the time, speak to

A feast for the eyes this Yuletide

From testosterone tap to gender-bending ballet, it's a bumper

Christmas for dance on the small screen. Debra Craine reports

lesson with some wonderfully

BBC2 is presenting the all-

evocative archive footage.

hristmas is tradition-ally the time when dance gets one of its rare look-ins on British television. Whether it is because a Boxing Day ballet fulfils our need for a little intellectual stimulation after a feast of schlock escapism, or whether we simply have more time to savour the slower pace of arts programmes, the festive season is the dance season on the small screen.

This year we have a bumper crop of television dance, more than a dozen hours that cover almost every imaginable manifestation of the art form. From sweaty Australian hunks tapping their hearts out in hard hats and jeans, to the genderbending Swan Lake that has taken the West End by storm, there is a programme to satisfy every dance taste. But why do we have to wait for

Christmas? According to Helen Sprott, Channel 4's deputy commissioning editor for music and arts, it is easier to schedule arts programmes at this time of year. Arts programmes tend to be one-offs, and thus hard to fit into regular schedules.

"When you get into the holiday season the rigorous scheduling thing is much more relaxed." she says. "And you have the opportunity to offer a greater variety of oneoffs and programmes with differing durations. As well, Christmas is a natural time to watch television and to relax into a more extended performance experience."

ably, ITV goes for the populist end of the market with Dance! (Friday, 4.10pm), a glitzy extravaganza presented by Torvill and Dean in which Darcey Bussell does Balanchine, Wayne Sleep does Charlie Chaplin and the cast of Riverdance do the Irish jig.

age, illustrating the history

male Australian sensation Tap Dogs (Dec 31, 8.50pm), a troupe of fleet-footed blokes who marry macho swagger to virtuosic traditional tap. The men also have it in BBC2's

showpiece Boxing Day offer-ing, the Adventures in Motion Pictures Swan Lake (8.30pm). The range this year is impressively wide — and not a Nutcracker in sight. Predict-Matthew Bourne's brilliantly unorthodox staging, with its corps de ballet of male swans, turns conventional ballet symbols on their heads and makes them work for a late 20thcentury audience. The BBC filming of the award-winning production (still running at London's Picca-

Channel 4 also takes a lighthearted approach with its Six Steps to Heaven Uan 2. 7.30pm), a "look at six of the biggest dance crazes to have come out of America". The programme explores how the cake walk, the charleston, Lindy hop, twist, disco and breakdancing have all in their turn captured the spirit of an

 2.30om), a mixed bill of his ballets that pays tribute to the versatility and genius of the late

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But it is two documentaries - one made by Channel 4, the other "in association with the - that offer the most unusual and insightful look at the art form. Channel 4's Just Dancing Around? is a threepart series (from Friday, 7.30pm) that aims to probe the elusive creative process of three modern choreographers: while Frederick Wiseman's three-hour film Ballet, which follows American Ballet Theatre for nine weeks as they prepare for a European tour, is the ultimate fly-on-the-wall dance documentary.

choreographer over several

"It's important to come up with good ideas for dance,"

says Sprott, who commissioned Just Dancing Around?. Television has addressed dance in terms of pure performance; we are not encouraged to be terribly analytical about the language of dance on television. When we came up with the idea of Just Dancing Around? we had an eye to unpicking the language of contemporary dance and showing how people actually

The series examines three works in progress. Britain's Richard Alston, seen choreographing Sometimes I Won-der to 11 different recordings of Stardust. reveals how he equates his working process to

that of a sculptor; Trisha Brown, at work on M.O. 6 There is a (inspired by Bach's Musical television Offering), eyinces a mind like a scientist, programme fascinated by to satisfy form but unable to translate the every dance complexities of intellectual argu-

taste 🤊

dialogue. tive dancemaker William Forsythe, a feisty and demanding American who runs the Frankfurt Ballet, makes for the most compulsive television. His programme is photographed and directed by the film-maker Mike Figgis (Leaving Las Vegas), who takes the role of fascinated

ment into lively

outsider, eagerly pursuing his volatile subject with a dogged Unlike Figgis, who chal-lenges Forsythe at every turn, Wiseman does not engage with his subjects. His uncompromising documentary Ballet (BBC2 on Christmas Day, 11.20am) presents the dancers and staff of American Ballet Theatre with no voice-over, no narration, no context and no



Adventures in Motion Pictures in Swan Lake one of the highlights of the Christmas dance season on television

painstaking rehearsals, angry shouting matches, fundraisi headaches, bored dancers, and - at the end of it all - the thrill of performance.

iseman's film is about an hour too long, and it cruel-ly fails to identify its stars (the recently departed trio of Agnes de Mille, Michael Somes and Ulysses Dove among them), but it remains gripping viewing for balleto-

And how many balletonamer are out there in tellyland? According to Bob Lockyer, BBC TV's executive producer, dance programmes, audiences for Christmas

dance can be as high as 25 league as the big-budget costume dramas, certainly, but then neither does dance enjoy the same degree of financial

"Our budget is minuscule in comparison to drama," ex-plains Lockyer. "We have the budget to do one relay a year. That means one outside broadcast where we take a camera into a theatre and film

a performance.
"Obviously Swan Lake is not going to do as well as Jane Eyre. But let's compare like screened I would think the numbers watching will fill the Piccadilly Theatre every night for about four to five years."

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Courtney Pine: gimmicks



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Still hungry after the ham

BY BEGINNING his first solo offstage and emerging triumphantly from the wings at its climax, Courtney Pine signalled his intentions from the off. He then shouted 'Good evening!" to the cheering multitude and, dissatis-fied with the volume of the response, repeated the process until the audience's enthusiasm reached the level required to be conveniently channelled into participation, through ciapping to the beat or dancing in the aisles, in the night's proceedings.

Such end-of-the-pier-show behaviour is extremely rare in jazz these days, but Pine has been bucking trends since bursting on to the scene in the mid-1980s with a debut recording. Journey to the Urge Within, that was marketed, and consequently sold, like a pop album. Deeply suspicious of what he believes is the tetchy clitism and wilful obscurity of much jazz, he has seized every opportunity to make his music as accessible and relevant to current musical trends as possible, blending it with everything from

Courtney Pine Queen Elizabeth Hall

soul and funk to reggae in the His latest project involves

two DJs. Pogo and Sparkii. operating onstage turntables. The former scratches, both solo and by trading phrases. his leader. Pine refers to the latter as a "sound manipulator", and he provides cousiderable textural density and variety to the band's music.

Their presence aside, the septet provides relatively conventional pop-jazz, in which the music's customary rhythunic subtleties and complexities groove", and solos are relatively unstructured and frequently nuresolved.

Strictly musical considerations, however, were avowedly low on Pine's agenda on this occasion; he had, he claimed, come to the South

Bank with the sole intentior of having a good time", and this he proceeded to do. embelishing everything he played with humour and gimmickry.

became apparen when he threw in a spot of playing two horns at once during Prince of Peace. neither was played particularly well, and the irresistible comparison with the late Roland Kirk, who used routinely to employ this double-horn technique to great effect, did Pine no favours

Ditto his circular breathing on soprano à la Evan Parker, his David Murray-influenced impassioned screaming tenor climaxes, and his attempts to organise the audience into imprompts choirs in the man-ner of Bobby McFerrin. Without a clear artistic context. such stunts are the mark of an entertainer rather than a musician, and it was difficult to resist the conclusion that considerable musical talent remains untapped in Pine.

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Hard times, bleak house

slippers, finger-less gloves and a grubby frock coat, Richard Briers sits at the centre of a bare, black stage. He stares morosely into the audience like one of Samuel Beckett's ulcerous tramps. He squints sourly at his pocket watch as Bob Cratchit and cronies sweat over their feather quills. He winces as the hours chime past, and squawks "Bah, humbug" when his employees attempt to sing the odd lestive rhyme. Eberiezer Scrooge has rarely been so full of loathing on

Christmas Eve. Despite the wonderfully dyspeptic start, Neil Bartlett's new adaptation of Dickens's A Christmas Carol struggles to establish its family entertainment credentials. I've seen more cheerful Macbeths, Relying rather too heavily on comic-looking ghosts and serious-looking goons, few genuine shivers make it down the spine and fewer laughs emanate from the belly.

His production, however, is startingly and shamelessly TEARE.

A Christmas Carol Lyric, Hammersmith

theatrical. A single naked lightbulb illuminates a cast of eight Victorian undertakers who shuffle through a bewil-dering number of guises to present the Dickensian kaleidoscope of lives that Scrooge has ruined. Rae Smith's deceptively simple sets allow the actors to improvise fires and

But it is the magical arrival and departure of the ghosts in cupboards and under Scrooge's bed, rather than the visions the cast manage to conjure, that generate the most vivid drama. And of these it is Charlie Folorunsho's playful Rastafarian Ghost of Christmas Present, and his silent-as-the-grave Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come who exert the greatest grip.

Henderson and Marcello Magni from Theatre de Complicite make quirky

inroads as a Scottish Mrs Cratchit and Scrooge's neph-ew Fred, whom Magni per-versely plays like an Italian mummy's boy. Their physical skills are impressively artful, but I don't think art is ever

going to be enough here.

The younger members of the audience found Angela Clerkin and Sophie Duval's brief cameos as capitalists with large pillows stuffed under their shirts far more amusing, and a few sentimental cheers were mustered for Dale Rapley's dithering Bob Cratchit. However, the heart of this

show was always going to be stapled to Briers's dusty shoulders. That we feel humbled by Scrooge's conversion has everything to do with the way the actor disarmingly regress-es to a babbling schoolboyish state of charitable grace. The timely change of heart might be inspired by sheer selfpreservation, but Briers is a wonderfully forgivable

> **JAMES** CHRISTOPHER



Richard Briers — "a wonderfully forgivable skinflint" as Scrooge — surrounded by the cast of a Christmas Carol mainly notable for its gloominess

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Night of the noëls

Polyphony St John's

TAKE a couple of dozen choice group them imaginatively, add a dash of plainchant, and you have a winning recipe. This is what Stephen Layton and his choir Polyphony did for a recent recording, and they brought the programme to St John's Smith Square last week.

Few of the pieces included could be counted as predictable chestnuts. Indeed, each was, in its own way, a delightful specimen of the genre. Two Herbert Howells avourites - A Spotless Rose and Here is the Little Door - beginling in their simplicity, were there, and providing abundant contrast were examples by Richard Rodney Bennett (such as Susanni with its mild metric dislocations) and Peter Warlock's Benedicamus Domino with its ecstatic chordal outburst. The highly accomplished singers

of Polyphony proved ideal inter-preters of both types: their well-blended, carefully balanced tone produced some exquisite effects in the meditative numbers, while impeccable tuning guaranteed a firm foundation for the jubilant seasonal exclamations of others.

Strands of plainchant were woven seamlessly into the texture. That for O Magnum Mysterium (the programme's title) led straight into Warlock's minor-key, modally inflerted, setting of Brace Blunt's Bethlehem Down. Nowhere was the ensemble's control of dynamic shading and richly expressive liquid phrasing heard to better advantage

Peter Wishart and William Walton were each represented by a single example. And five of Kenneth Leighton's carols concluded with sorrow and anger poignantly juxteposed in Lully, Lulla. A wittily crafted encore by chorus bass Robert Rice commandecred a familiar "ding-dong bell" refrain by Vaughan Williams as accompaniment for the even more familiar Sleigh Ride, rendered in the melodious baritone of chorusmaster Stephen Layton.

> BARRY MILLINGTON

Class act from students

"I THINK they are better than the other lot." There were various ways of putting it, some of them more tactful, but there was a distinctly audible current of opin-ion among Hallé subscribers in the Bridgewater Hall that, as guest contributors to the season, the Northern College of Music had outshone the resident ensemble.

In some ways they did. No amateur choral society, for example, can compete with a chorus of student singers, each one of whom is a potential soloist. And it is difficult for an experienced orchestra to recover the joy of discovery that was such an attractive quality of the instrumental playing here. On the other hand, if the RNCM Symphony Orchestra had had to cope with the Halle's schedule over the past few months, they would have fallen somewhere

Anyway, there they were in Berlioz's L'Enfance du Christ, with their own student soloists, and conductor Kent Nagano was offering no compromise in an

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interpretation which was thoroughly idiomatic but dangerous in tempo, risky in balance, and ul in terms of choral in tion. Except that the chorus of guardian angels was too far offstage — the score is explicit on this point - the survival rate was high



Kent Nagano: stylish Berlioz

and the rewards were correspondingly abundant.
The colours of the unaccompa-

nied final chorus were finely muanced, the complex textures favoured by the Ishmaelites neatly ciarified, and the vocal exoticisms associated with the soothsayers flutes and harp delivered their Ishmaelite entertainment elegantly; the orchestra in general twirled round the conflicting rhythms of the dance of the soothsayers without fear of vertigo.

In a well-chosen group of solo-ists Miranda McDonnell was a radiant Mary, Kevin Matthews a stylish if occasionally overstretched Narrator, Dean Robinson a suitably dark-toned Herod and Roland Wood a meilifluous Ishmaelite father. The audience might well have been prepared to make seasonal concessions, in the interest of hearing such a beautiful work performed with such youthful freshness, but in fact they never

GERALD LARNER

Clearly in charge

LSO/Fruhbeck de Burgos Barbican

AFTER some light-hearted Rossini at the outset, Rafael Fruhbeck de Burgos was concerned, in his conducting of the London Symphony Orchestra, to give his listeners more of a tonally rough ride in the rest of the programme. The concer-to was Prokofiev's second for piano. than which I know of none more congested with notes for the soloist, or more extravagant in its cadenza

It lacked nothing in virtuoso address from Horacio Gutierrez, the Cubso-born American who can power his way through the thickets of notes as if engaged on a finger exercise, but is also able to add a sense of musical character to the material on display. For much of the work he imparted a stately assurance as well as bravura

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brilliance, emphasising the lyrical qualities where they occur, as in the third movement intermezzo. Prokofiev's characteristically

sardonic flavour was only partly masked by this, and its persistent march-like rhythm overcame the pianist's attempts to vary it, generating instead a climax of ruthless dissonance. If there was a fault in so imposing a performance, it was in a finale that became wildly driven, with the textures sounding over-congested as a result

The conductor's innate skill in contriving an instrumental balance of revealing clarity was most rewardingly apparent in his setting out of the complex inner details of The Rite of Spring, with which he ended the programme. From the introduction onwards, each strand was given its due weight and prominence, stressing the sense of ritual that underlies music written to be danced as well as heard.

tus tended to become stilted, mainly in Stravinsky's nocturnal images of Part Two, where some of the phrasing was unduly remote. But, in all the heavier passages, the clarity was a tribute to orchestral response of a high order.

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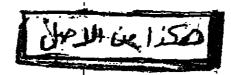
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Our sympathy for victims has become an obsession. When did we stop admiring winners?

us to offer pride of the victim? Is it healthy? Have we become a nation of victim-worshippers? I struggle for a way of asking this which does not sound offensive or even neo-fascist, but I must take the risk.

The question resurfaced when I read last week of this year's "Children of Courage" awards. With a couple of exceptions, the children whose courage was cited by the newspapers had not acted courageously, they had been the victims of horrific attacks or accidents, or of illness. They had had no occasion to act bravely, they had not acted at all. They had reacted, as people often do when struck down, with admirable

If the award had been couched not as commendation but as sympathy, it would have been appropriate. It was not appropriate, however, to attribute to these children a virtue. I know it is common to speak of the "courage" people show in suffering or with not-be-gainsaid knows the which they "fight"

and I am not insensible of the unsung fortitude of millions of humans and animals when faced. in circumstances beyond their control, by pain; but to endure is instinctive. Cornered by fate, most animals are surprisingly

strong, we cope when we have to. More omous letters one always uncommon is to choose adversity: to volunteer to be brave. This, which is extraordinary, is courage in

Nothing that comforts a be without value, especially if by extension this comforts others. But we also need to spur children actively to do things, brave things, even dangerous things, things which entail a positive act of choice. Children should learn pity and receive pity, but they should learn optimism and confidence, and to admire

Invited to frame an encouraging message to the young in Britain, it seemed as if the world of adults had instead sought examples of the young as victims, and embraced the victims. It was instructive to note the mawkishness. The press fell upon the fact that the awards were presented by the Duchess of Kent who (as the papers reminded us) suffers from ME.

After the Children of Courage Awards came the Today programme's Personality of the Year Awards. in addition to John Major and a persecuted woman opposition leader in Burma (both, in some degree vic-tim-figures), the field was led by Frances Lawrence, a victim herself, and Ann Pearston of the Snowdrop Appeal, a victim-by-proxy. I offer no criticism of either: both of them have turned suffering to positive account. But be honest is it

That is it about the mainly for the quality of British that causes their contribution or for the their contribution or for the fact of the suffering that

> The cult of the victim unsettles me. I am afraid is not without roots in Christian teaching, and is woven into Jewish thought too - for obvious reasons. The genesis may be unim-peachable and the motiva-tion merciful, but at heart this is a celebration at the altar of helplessness and passivity rather than competence and action. Blessed are the weak, they say. I say, Blessed are the strong. The elevation of pity is psycho-logically inseparable from the elevation of self-pity.

both are degenerate. Both are dominant themes in our tabloid press and in the news values of our broadcast media. Populism - the self-worship of the little man - is horribly tangled with self-pity and resentment. It is also tangled with hate. Anyone who has dared to question in public the taste or wis-dom of elevating the Dunblane parents to the status of those-who-may-

violence (there is no other word) of The selfthe public and media reaction. worship of My wariness of the little the emotional wave on which man is we are legislating for gun control tangled up has brought me readers' letters of with selfpity and

resentment

gets from a certain type of Christian (particularly in Walest) whenever one criticises the Church, Beneath mercy and submissiveness ride, it seems, a warped and sion and intolerance, Try expressing in public even the faintest note of caution about the disablement jobby in Britain and you will be shocked by the hatefulness of the response.

unmatched ex-

cept by the ven-

The outpouring of (usually unhelpful) sympathy for some chosen national symbol of victimhood, mingled with hatred for the supposed culprit, is seldom more than a step ahead of an implied appeal for sympathy by extension for "us" too, abused by "them". Its keynote ilinesses are bulimia and anorexia, and its patron saint is Diana, Princess of Wales, "Abuse" has become the buzzword of

the decade. Victim-worship is a faise and sterile religion rarely leading to more than an onthe spot cash appeal, a rash of letters to the editor calling for a lynching, and a agency — usually the gov-

something". What these crusades of sympathy for victim-totems almost never do is stimulate real changes of heart or behaviour among the rest of us. They serve, I believe, and are intended subliminally, to serve as substitutes for both.

Differences of denomination matter less than avoiding the secular relativism of most education

Religious schools n Saturday, The Times car-ried a fascinating report by Ruth Gledhill on the worry of two leading Roman Catholic public schools that so many Roman Catholies are now sending their sons to against the world Eton. Though this is only one corner of the big debate on religious educa-tion, it is one of which I have had particular experience. As a Roman Catholic, I was educated at Charterhouse, a Church of England school, although Downside was only a few

chaplain; we used, as a family, to attend Sunday Mass there. Catholics were given every encouragement to practise their religion. And there were even a couple of conversions, not from Anglicanism but from agnosticism; boys brought up with no religion found that the Catholic Church was the one they wished to join. There are now said to be some 300 Roman Catholic boys at Eton, which is considerably more than there were in those years. Obviously 300 boys who might have gone to Ampleforth or Downside must seem

a big loss to those schools.

The case for specifically Roman
Catholic education is that it gives a much more profound and complete Catholic experience. Father Leo Chamberlain, the Headmaster of Ampleforth, told Ruth Gledhill: "The opportunity to go to Sunday Mass is not the same as an education immersed in the culture, spiritual values and moral codes of the Church." This is obviously a strong argument. Both Ampleforth and Downside are great Benedictine monasteries, and the worship of the monks does penetrate the whole life of the school. Because we live in the West Country, I have known more old boys of Downside than of Ampleforth, but both schools seem to . give a lifelong foundation in faith to a high proportion of their pupils. It is as though the Gregorian chant enters

All questions of the psychology of always shine in league tables. Indeed

was an excellent and holy Catholic religion are complex. Going to Char-chaplain; we used, as a family, to religion are complex. Going to Char-terhouse, I am sure. suited me better master of Downside, but in the 1980s terhouse, I am sure, suited me better than the spartan Downside of those wartime years would have done. I was left with a strong sense of the Anglican tradition, and of the beauty of the old Anglican liturgy. I have found great Anglican divines, Jeremy Taylor, George Barclay, Joseph But-ler, John Wesley, have played a much larger part in my religious development than is common among Roman Catholics. Wesley was himself an Old Carthusian, which is an extra connec-

William Rees-Mogg

tion. My abiding affection for the Church of England was a benefit I gained by going to an Anglican school. Nor, in the end, did my experience at Charterhouse in any way alienate me from the Roman Catholic Church as an institution. I know that many people find all institutions of religion a difficulty; I have never found that a problem, and delight in the great Roman Leviathan, "mightiest of the fishes of the deep", which still swims so stardily in the ocean of faith.

There is some criticism of the Catholic schools because they do not

my elder son's housemaster - and a brilliant one — has observed that "schools are being judged by league tables rather than by ethos". The Catholic schools do not concentrate on league tables; they think they have a duty to educate, rather than a duty to educate only those boys who find examinations easy. They have an unusually high proportion of boys from abroad, who may have to take English exams in a second language that they are still learning. Both Downside and Ampleforth are very gener-ous with bursaries for those who would otherwise be unable to afford the fees, and the bursaries are not

given solely on academic grounds.

The headmasters have appealed to the Roman Catholic bishops. I doubt if they will get much comfort from them. Cardinal Hume himself was Abbot of Ampleforth, and taught there, but the bishops are probably more concerned with Catholic education in the state than in the private sector. The demand for Catholic education in the grant-maintained and state sector has never been higher. Tony Blair is not the only parent to recognise the quality of schools such as the admirable Oratory School in London. Such schools have two advantages which Ampleforth and Downside fully share. They believe in the importance of a solid traditional education, and they believe in teaching the Christian religion as a living

Some years ago I was discussing the problems of Islamic education with a group of Islamic leaders from Glasgow. Despite the risk of social alienation, I believe that the Islamic community has a right to state support for its religious schools, and have always supported that claim. They told me that in Glasgow, if their children could not be sent to Islamic schools they preferred Catholic schools, because they teach a definite morality based on religion. What they feared was the secular, nonmoral environment. Essentially that is the appeal of all the Catholic schools to Catholics and non-Catholies alike. More than a tenth of the boys at Ampleforth are now non-Catholic. That seems to me an excellent thing.

· The modern dividing line is not between schools of one Christian denomination and those of another, but between schools that teach a morality based on religion and schools that do not. If Western culture is in decline, in the rest of Europe as much as in Britain or the United States, it is because teachers have retired from the attempt to provide the moral basis for life. Modern teaching is, of course, much more difficult. Moral relativism, widespread divorce, drugs on the street corner, peer-group pressure taking over from parental and school authority, and the decline of religious belief have invaded every school, however well run. In this, Eton, Ampleforth and Downside are all on the same side, and it is the side of the angels. The Eton solution, which has been followed by Ampleforth, must be the right one; if Eton is an ecumenical school in the Anglican tradition, Downside and Ampleforth should become equally ecumenical schools in the Roman Catholic tradition. It is not what divides but what unites the Churches that matters; moral deterioration of modern living.

Who will hold the cards?

Michael Gove

miles from where my familiy lived in

Somerset. In the next generation, our

elder daughter took her A levels at

Downside and was even appointed

deputy head boy. Our eldest son also

went to Downside, by his choice: our

younger son went to Eton. I recently

gave a talk to the sixth form at

Ampleforth, not for the first time. To

complete the connection, our second

daughter took her A levels at Char-terhouse, which itself now has an

excellent new head master from Eton.

All four schools seem to me to be

very good. In the 1980s, when I knew

it as a parent, Eton was one of the few old English institutions which was

still working exceptionally well, prob-

ably better than it did in its most cele-

brated days of the 18th or 19th cen-

turies. I do not doubt that some par-

ents do send their sons there because

they think that will help them to

network their way through life, but there are much better reasons.

I know of no school with the same

combination of a strong historic trad-

ition, an excellent academic educa-

tion - Etonians routinely find that

the teaching they get in the sixth form is superior to that in the universities

they subsequently attend - and the

capacity to adjust to the temperament

and interest of the individual boys.

When my son left Eton, I thought he

had been to what was probably the

best boys' secondary school on earth,

and that he was very lucky to have

Throughout his time at Eton there

shuffles the

political pack

or politicians this Christmas there is one thing even more delicious after dinner than a glass of Glenfiddich: playing the political futures market. While other households may unwind with Cluedo or Happy Families, politi-cians, particularly Tories, will shy away trom mes mai cepenci ci skulduggery being unearthed or fidelity celebrated. Instead, MPs will indulge themselves by playing Fantasy Cabinet.

Requiring nothing more than an active imagination and ungovernable ambition, Fantasy Cabinet is the country house cousin of the saloon bar exercise Fantasy Football. While the latter is an excuse to argue over the merits of Shearer or Wright in the pub, Fantasy Cabinet is simply a structured way of MPs comparing the merits of ministerial aspirants.

Among two groups of politicians Fantasy Cabinet is being played with greater relish this year than most. In the shire fastnesses of Euro-scentic Ultras and across Islington pine the prospect of Tory defeat at the general election provides an opportunity to give the pack a proper shuffle and discard the jokers.
For the revolutionary defeatists on

the Right, the most enjoyable fantasy is constructing a Shadow Cabinet whose unapologetic Toryism would allow it to exploit fully Blair's troubles, not least over Europe, and sweep back to power. The sceptics are not short of men with pretensions to play the king, with Michael Howard and Michael Portillo prepared to contemplate action up to withdrawal to secure a satisfactory renegotiation of Britain's membership of the EU.

But for the Ultras who most devoutly desire a purging of the party before returning to office it is John Redwood's ascetic frame upon which the greatest hopes rest. For his decision to contest last year's leadership election and his indefatigable yet icily courteous harrying of the Gov-



ernment's backsliding, he has won a place in the dark hearts of the hardest Right. Having installed Redwood as leader, the disposition of talent in the Cabinet of which the Ultras dream is

relatively easy.

Redwood might want to keep a shrewd Scots lawyer as his Lord Chancellor, but it wouldn't be James Mackay. Redwood's opposition to Mackay's divorce reforms has not made for cordiality between them. instead, a distinguished casualty of a 1997 defeat might move upwards. A seat in the Upper House with a task of eviscerating Labour's plans for constitutional chaos would be perfect preparation for Lord Rifleind's own stint on the Woolsack.

The other great offices of state fall naturally into sceptic laps. Michael Portillo's Euro-scepticism is of a dif-ferent kind from Redwood's. Global rather than local, a man more likely to be in Ralph Lauren than cricket whites at the weekend, Mr Portillo's

international perspectives would fit him for the Foreign Office.

Michael Howard's belief in the efficacy of longer sentences could be tested by keeping him at Home Affairs. Peter Lilley, having displayed a determination and imagination in curbing spending at Social Security, should have the chance to apply those skills across the board as Chancellor. With Angela Knight at Education, William Hague at Environment, Giles Brandreth as Minister for Fun

and 1997 entrant David Cameron as Chief Secretary to the Treasury, youth would have its head. After composing his ideal Cabinet, our Ultra might fancy himself enrobed as Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster before going to bed to sleep the sleep of the pure. In ideology, if not

As the last drops of British sherry are being drained at Headstrong Hall, the espresso machine is bubbling in a north London kitchen.

that a reassuringly proletarian pres-ence at the Home Office would win over the police, much in the manner of the genial, socially conservative James Callaghan.

The real pleasure for the Moderni-

Home Secretary, some Blairites feel

sers, however, rests in drafting new talent, not rearranging old. Frank Field may almost be too independentminded for Social Security, but why not put the Birkenhead Anglican in the Northern Ireland Office? With Donald Dewar, moving from the whips office to become Leader of the House, his current deputy, Nick Brown, could be a chief whip of Uronhartian deviousness, Brian Wil son, a successful publisher as well as historian of Celtic Football Club, has been tipped for Ulster, but would be perfect for Transport. Kim Howelis, the man who urged his brothers and sisters in the Labour movement to embrace competition, would delight Modernisers as President of the Board of Trade.

ith Tessa Jowell at Health and Harriet Harman at Social Secunity, Mo Mowlam at Defence and Helen Liddell as Scottish Secretary, four impeccably Blairite ministers would be wellplaced to exploit the dearth of female talent on the Tory benches. The dearest modernising wish would, of course, be the building of a broad progressive coalition and a Cabinet seat for a senior figure from another party with similar values. But Ken Clarke may prefer to be where power might really lie after a Labour victory in Brussels.

Another Cabinet may also be dreamt of this Christmas - John Major's third-term team. The dogged decency of the Prime Minister may set at naught the games of the Tory Ultras and Labour Modernisers. The identity of the man who will choose the next Cabinet will be decided on the hustings where he thrives, and not the salons where they plot. But this Christmas, given the confidence with which both Ultras and Modernisers fantasise, the thought that John Major will be choosing a new Cabinet in the spring seems the most fantastic idea of all. Peter Riddell will return after Christmas

Open house

SCOTLAND YARD and Tony Blair are at odds over security at the Labour leader's constituency home, Mirabella, in Trimdon Colliery, Co Durham. Special Branch inspected the four-bedroom detached house recently and flinched. It made the Japanese Ambassa-



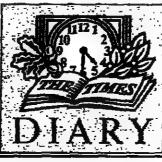
"Why the fuss about Shilton? This is my 1,000th game too"

dor's residence in Lima look like Fort Knox. Why Blair has a house with the

sort of name more suited to a cheap car or Costa fleapit is not clear. His children, however, are said to be deeply fond of the place. Open fields stretch out behind it and there is a playground next door, all a bracing change from Blair's London home in Islington. If he ever became Prime Minister. though, it is the sort of place likely to bring his protectors out in hives. John Major's home in Huntingdon, by contrast, is set in its own grounds and surrounded by a low

Blair's accommodation, if he wins the election, will prove a nuisance altogether. Plans for the extensive redesign of the Prime Minister's poky flat in No 10 have already been mooted, with Blair's

three children in mind. "Special Branch would much rather Tony lived elsewhere," says Blair's constituency agent, John Burton. "But he wouldn't agree to it. If Tony becomes Prime Minister.



though, things will have to change at Mirabella"

● No flim-flam at the Vatican. where Madonna and her child will not be received by the Pope during her visits to Rome to promote her new film. The singer, who did not marry the man who squired her child, dreamt of being received by John Paul II, as Evita Perón had been by Pope Pius XII in 1947. "We have more important things to think about," says the Vatican.

Your honour

FOR Jacques Chirac, the French President, the days after Christmas often mean the Gazelle d'Or, the

chi-chi hotel in southern Morocco patronised by the likes of Mick Jagger, Paula Yates and Michael Por-tillo. This year, however, pressures of work mean he cannot go, to the disappointment of one long-serving member of the hotel staff. Last year, Chirac suggested hon-

ouring a certain Moroccan waiter, not only for his presidential pampering but also for his service in the French Army in North Africa. The waiter said he would much

prefer to go to Mecca. Rita Bennis,

Irons: does he really have only one expression?

the hotel's English owner, told him to stop being so truculent. He should accept the award and she would pay for him to go to Mecca. So it was agreed. The waiter accepted Chirac's offer, then hot-footed it off on his trip east.

All mine

NEW LABOUR'S pale-fingered suffocation of its party's traditions continues with news that Wentworth, a mining constituency in South Yorkshire, is to be represented at the next election by John Healey, a model new Labour man. All sharp suits and sharper el-

bows. Healey has been the press officer for John Monks, General Secretary of the TUC. He is credited with repositioning Monks and the TUC. This is hair-wilting news for Arthur Scargill, whose palaeolithic Socialist Labour Party is meant to stand its best chance in old mining areas.

 Bumping into Jerenty Irons at a party last week, a young woman said to him that when he appeared on film. "you've only got one expression". Irons's face paused in the middle of one of its tectonic move-



Moss and Depp: whatever next?

ments; then: "Do you know?" he said. "I think you may be right."

While the Tory Ultras dream of their

lantasy Shadow Cabinet, Labour's

ultra-Modernisers have their ideal

too table sketched on the back of a

Labour arditti hope that Blair will

ensure that power is in the finely manicured hands of the Modernis-

ers, rather than the calloused grip of

old Labour figures. Of course, some

old socialists such as Robin Cook and

John Prescott are beasts too big to put

out to grass. Cook is safely corralled

in the Foreign Office, though he

yearns for economic influence, but

Prescott is a problem. The Modern-

isers do not want him as Deputy

Prime Minister, a Labour Heseltine

with an even greater propensity to

intervene. There are two possibilities that entertain them, either suzerainty

Environment and Transport, playing

to his expertise, or the Home Office. Although Jack Straw is dear to

modernising breasts and hopes to be

er a super-department combining

Granita wine list.

Lattoo you

THRILLING reports on Kate Moss, the fragile supermodel, and her rollicking relationship with Johnny Depp, actor. He has moved into her Manhattan apartment and an engagement may be imminent.

The couple decided to get an apartment together in New York as a trial situation before they make it official," says Moss's mouthprece. Good news for Moss is that Depp has finally done something about the tattoo he had done for his previous girlfriend, Winona Ryder. "Winona Forever" now reads "Wino Forever".

POTS AND KETTLES

Labour must spell out its tax policies and do so soon

Tony Blair and Gordon Brown must make not dare to say so for fear of alienating his up their minds about taxes. The sooner they do so, the better for Britain and quite possibly for Labour's election chances. As long as the Labour leadership maintains its vow of silence on taxes, the public will understandably remain suspicious and rely on their memories of past Labour governments. The Tory publicity machine will naturally try to persuade voters to assume the worst. Indeed, a Tory campaign to expose Labour's "secret" tax plans will begin in the very first week of the new year.

While Labour remains silent about its intentions, the Tories' strategy will be not only understandable, but also fair. Early this year Clare Short blurted out that a Labour government should be in the business of raising taxes. The Tories immediately claimed that she had revealed Labour's secret tax plans. The Labour leadership's rebuttal was ingenious but bizarre. Labour could not have any "secret" tax plans because it had no plans on taxes at all. Such casuistry will no longer do with just four months to go before a general election. A party which claims to be ready to govern can hardly deny that it has any policies on either public spending or tax.

As long as Labour fails to disclose these policies, voters will be entitled to draw one of two disquieting conclusions. The first possibility is that Labour intends to raise taxes and knows that these plans will be deeply unpopular. It is therefore trying to keep them quiet for as long as possible to deny John Major the easy target he needs to unite his shambolic party. Conceivably Mr Blair even hopes to avoid any clear commitments on taxes. He could then enter Downing Street with a free hand to revert to Labour's spendthrift ways.

An alternative explanation for Labour's silence is just as disturbing. Perhaps Mr Blair has decided not to raise taxes, but does

own party's left wing. And if Mr Blair is intimidated by his leftwingers, when they are still subject to the discipline of trying to win votes, what chance will he have against them if and when the election is won?

In the weeks ahead, the Tories will do their utmost to whip up public fears on both these counts. The Labour leadership, however, seems unperturbed. Mr Blair is being urged by his advisers to turn the tax campaign against the Tories by focusing on the Government's own record, Treasury figures published just before the Christmas recess confirmed that families on average earnings will pay more in income taxes at the end of this parliament than they did at the beginning. Armed with this fact, Labour will try to turn the Tories' campaign into a

case of the pot calling the kettle black. Instead of spelling out Labour's own policies — a "defensive" posture — Mr Blair will counter-attack and make an issue of the Tories' own tax record. After their broken promises, Labour will claim the Tories have "no right" to criticise, or even to question, another party's policies on tax.

This kind of ad hominem point-scoring is not only illogical; it is unlikely to help Labour's cause. The issue for voters is not what happened in the past, but what each party will do in the future. Pointing to past Tory tax increases will do nothing to reassure the public about a Labour government's intentions. In fact, it could inflame the fears of the voters: if even the Tories had to put up taxes, Labour may have to raise

them even more. If Mr Blair wants to clarify the economic outlook for businessmen and investors and to convince voters that Labour's punitive tax policies are really gone for good, there is one and only one thing he can do. He must make a full announcement of his plans on taxes and public spending — and do it soon.

NATION OF SHOPKEEPERS

American foreign policy must look beyond trade

As the Cold War ended, Francis Fukuyama acquired great prominence through his thesis that the end of the US-Soviet struggle signalled the universal triumph of democratic values and hence "the end of history". Under President Clinton that process has been taken one step further. For three years American foreign policy has been organised around the primacy of economics. His recent tour of Asia served to reinforce this trend. To many in Washington, trade is the beginning and end of international relations.

To those who question this emphasis comes the retort that economic engagement with seemingly unsavoury regimes represents the Trojan horse that will eventually secure the triumph of democracy. The real consequence of the collapse of communism is then, ironically, the end of politics, with the security issues of the past swamped by the requirements of the GDP.

After four years in office the President appears to have concluded that Asia with its multitude of underdeveloped markets is. "exciting", whereas Europe, with its complicated political problems such as. Nato expansion and the Balkans, is boring and "old hat". Trade is the new religion and market entry the new God. Perversely, the central intellectual premise of Marxism that economic man is the whole man — has been swallowed by the US."

The short-term seductiveness of this approach is obvious. The notion that economic engagement can deliver good government after a modest interval has clear attractions. It would be difficult to conduct any cost-benefit analysis of US corporate interests that did not focus on Asia as promising unconquered territory. But this exclusively materialistic analysis is deeply flawed.

It relies, firstly, on the false assumption that all significant human relations are economic. The demise of the superpower struggle has brought more, rather than less, conflict in much of the world precisely because many disputes, which are rooted in history rather than in economics, had been held in check during the Cold War and have now been released to do their worst. There is no need to accept the entire argument about the clash of civilisations recently presented by Samuel Huntingdon to see the fundamental importance of differences in the ways that human society is organised.

The second fallacy lies in the calculation that economic engagement produces democratic advance. This argument relies heavily on a small number of cases — Chile, South Korea, arguably Taiwan - drawn from Latin America and relatively small countries in East Asia. There are abundant counterexamples, especially in Asia, of states that have capitalist economies and authoritarian political structures. The theory that China will become more benign towards internal dissent because of the opportunity to purchase American telephones has not produced results so far.

Finally, it is untrue that politics has been disinvented and military issues marginalised by the triumph of the market economy. History has not ended. It never does. It has moved on. There have been many occasions in the past thousand years when commerce has flourished in the temporary absence of disharmony. The old motto "hope for peace, prepare for war" still remains a wise one for political leaders.

GROUSE FOR CHRISTMAS

A Great British Tradition — the seasonal grumble

The real joy of Christmas is neither giving nor receiving, but complaining. Perthshire's finest whisky is not the only famous grouse which should be indulged this midwinter true traditionalists will also enjoy the cosy familiarity of lathering themselves in indignation, wrapping themselves in righteous wrath and recycling and reworking a series of moans, whinges, jeremiads, imprecations and oaths without which the Christmas season is not truly restive. The turkey tastes better when generously sauced with bile.

Gift-giving is always a rich area for grumbles. Aside from the personal bickering of the wife incredulous that a husband should imagine her a size 16 or the basilisk glare with which a lover might greet a tenderly proffered and elegantly wrapped steam iron, there has been a general parental plaint this year. Demand for the toy astronaut Buzz Lightyear has so far outstripped supply that sightings of the plastic adventurer from outer space are now as rare as honest Tory whips. The banshee keening of mothers too late to buy a Buzz has rent the air of Hamley's and fathers have muttered oaths under their beery breath. The manufacturers blame the unprecedented demand on the surprise success of the video Toy Story in which an animated Buzz appears. Cynics will smell a marketing ramp designed to

give Buzz, well, buzz. Wiser heads will realise, however, that Buzz is playing a role in the pantomime of Christmastime as hallowed as the dame. He. is the toy which everyone wants but no one can find, the empty glass of nursery fashion. In the past his role has been played by the Cabbage Patch Doll or the Millennium Falcon starship but, whatever the guise, the function is the same. Buzz is this year's yuletide maguffin, the pursuit of which gives parents the chance to enjoy cursing their offspring, themselves and the shops in a triple whammy of delicious ill-grace.

Family aside, food is the easy butt of a Briton's complaint. For several Christmases now it has required increasing ingenuity to rail against the seasonal fare. Turkeys, like secretaries, are better-bred than ever. For those bored of gobblers - from the farm, that is, not the typing-pool - there is an embarrassment of choice. Even the meanest supermarket groans with geese, ducks, game and exotic fowl. The most appropriate gripe when faced with such bounty is to lament the passing of the simple meals of one's childhood. There is no more satisfying accompaniment to the sight of a son swallowing a richly sauced partridge breast than a small dirge on the inability of the jaded young to appreciate plain white meat, a luxury in its day and none the worse for it

But the best complaint that Christmas now provokes is its length. Starting just as the fireworks fade and ending well after Epiphany, the festive season is now almost as long as the other grouse season. In its length, as in so many ways. Christmas is absolutely fair game.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Ethical concerns in healthcare law

From Mr David Anderson-Ford

Sir, Your report (December 16) on the rulings by High Court judges compelling women to undergo Caesarean sections illustrates the difficulty of cases which have arisen from the tur-bulent sphere of healthcare law and ethics to confront the judiciary.

As Lord Browne-Wilkinson stated in the Anthony Bland case (Airedale NHS Trust v Bland [1993] I All E R 821 (HL)):

it seems to me imperative that the moral, social and legal issues raised by this case should be considered by Parliament . . If Parliament fails to act, then judge-made law will of necessity through a gradual and uncertain process provide a legal answer to each near gradual and the process provide a legal answer to each new question as it arises. But in my judgment that is not the best way to pro-

Issues of consent and capacity or incapacity to consent are fundamental and troublesome. In spite of the sterling efforts of the Law Commission in this decade to raise the level of national debate, judges continue to be placed in this untenable position.

Perhaps a national standing forum on healthcare law and ethics (along the lines of the 1980s President's Commission in the USA) would provide a more clearly defined and more representative lead. These matters are far too important to be left to judges alone.

Yours faithfully, DAVID ANDERSON-FORD, 37 Canbury Avenue, Kingston upon Thames, Surrey. December 17.

From the Honorary Chair of the Association for Improvements in the Materalty Services

Sir, One worrying aspect of the recent "forced Caesarean" cases is how they have changed the atmosphere surrounding consent to treatment for pregnant women. Since the first re-ported court-ordered Caesarean (details, October 14, 1992; Law, October 27, 1992) we have come across a number of cases where women who questloned obstetricians' proposed care were told: "If you don't consent, we

shall simply go and get a court order."

These incidents include a number of interventions, including induction or augmentation of labour. Given the high and inconsistent intervention rates in many maternity units there is good reason to question the necessity for many of these. In cases where we obtained further details it was clear that the proposed interventions were

It seems that some obstetricians have seized upon the court decisions to support an authoritarian pattern of care rather than making efforts to improve a two-way communication and

respecting the rights of their patients. It is not the obstetricians but GPs, health visitors, psychiatrists and lay supporters like ourselves who are dealing with the disastrous emotional effects in women who describe their birth experience as "technological

BEVERLEY A BEECH, 21 Iver Lane, Iver, Buckinghamshire. December 16.

The right to die

From the General Secretary of the Voluntary Euthanasia Society

Sir. I was surprised that Dr Gary Slapper failed to mention the common law right of an adult patient to refuse medical treatment, both contemporaneously and in advance, in his article on the involvement of the courts in decisions to withdraw life-support ("When there is life without hope", Law, December 10).

It is true, as Dr Slapper says, that a number of patients have been wrongly diagnosed as being in a persistent vegetative state. However, many peo-ple, I suspect, would find the quality of life of those "recovering" patients to be unacceptable and, if they were in a similar position, would wish life-prolonging treatment, including feeding by naso-gastric tube, withdrawn and to be allowed to die with dignity.

The only way such patients can communicate their wish to a doctor is by way of an advance directive ("living wili").

Yours faithfully, JOHN OLIVER. General Secretary, The Voluntary Euthanasia Society. 13 Prince of Wales Terrace, WS. December 10.

Smoking costs

From Mr Clive Turner

Sir, Mrs Jane Hodges (letter, December 19) tells us that, among others, smokers should pay for what she con-siders are self-inflicted health prob-

There are no official government figures available, but the Health Education Authority, on a basis unknown to us, currently estimates the annual cost to the NHS of alleged smoking-related diseases at £325 million. Since smokers are paying more than 28 times this sum in tobacco tax each year, surely nobody can say that they are not paying their way.

Yours faithfully. CLIVE TURNER (Executive Director, Industry Affairs). Tobacco Manufacturers' Association, 55 Tufton Street, Westminster, SWI.

Life aboard a modern prison hulk

From Mr Graham Wilmer

Sir, I was interested to read Richard Ford's report (December 13) on the possible use by the Home Office of the floating accommodation unit Resolution to ease the accommodation shortage in the Prison Service.

Life on the original prison "hulks" was hellish, but life on the Resolution will be very different. When I interviewed remand prisoners housed on the unit in New York in 1990, they described life on the hulk as "more like being on the love boat than in prison".

The Department of Correction (DoC) had hired Resolution and another similar unit, Venture, to help solve an emergency overcrowding problem they faced between 1987 and 1989.

Such was the quality of life on both units that the DoC decided they would use the tranquil environment aboard Resolution, the larger and more spaclous of the two, to establish a special drug-rehabilitation programme for both remand and convicted prisoners. This was a considerable success. according to the DoC's Director of Substance Abuse Intervention at the

Resolution offers a fast, secure, costeffective solution to the problem of pri-son overcrowding, and the Home Office are well aware of the benefits. That, I suspect, is why they amended the Criminal Justice Act recently to allow for the use of floating detention facilities previously outlawed,

The irony in this story is that the former owners of Resolution and Venture, the Liverpool-based Bibby Line, tried unsuccessfully for years to get the Home Office to take one of the units, following their success in pion-eering their use in the US.

Eventually, in 1992, the New York DoC, having solved their own overcrowding problems by building their own high-tech, purpose-built unit, sold the two units (which they had bought from Bibby some five years earlier) to an American scrap merchant. He, it would appear, is about to sell it back to the UK - no doubt for a fat fee. So much for buying British.

Yours sincerely, GRAHAM WILMER (freelance writer), Laburnum Farmhouse, 9 Mill Lane, Ness, South Wirral.

Care for mentally ill held in jail

From Mr Roger Wools

Sir, The concern expressed recently about the number of remand and other prisoners who are mentally ill (report, October 25) engages the attention of those of us who are concerned with the saving of our architectural heritage.

In recent years we have seen a huge and costly building programme of new prisons and a large rise in the pri-son population. This has been accompanied by the closure of hundreds of former institutions which were set up, often by charitable organisations. for the humane care of the mentally

These mostly fine and often listed buildings are now empty, but many are of national architectural interest; they present great problems in finding

suitable new uses, mainly because they are in rural situations where they once provided farming work and fresh air for the patients.

As an architect, I am aware that these former old asylums and hospitals may have housed patients who should not have been confined, but they at least provided a safe haven for many who now find themselves on the streets or in prison.

Have we seen the closure of one type of institution, only to be followed by the expansion of an even more harsh system of containing those who are ill and in need of treatment within caring communities?

Yours etc. ROGER WOOLS, 74 Bootham, York. December 13.

Preserving archives

From Dr Peter T. Marsh

Sir, The disturbing feature about the purchase of the Churchill papers is not their valuation (Mr Roy Davids's letter, December 14) but that they ere but up for sale in the first place. Henceforth those who inherit comparably great collections of papers like those of Mr Gladstone or the Chamberlain collection, which I am editing, must question the previously honoured wisdom of bequeathing

them to public institutions. The entire Chamberlain collection, which includes the papers of Joseph and Austen as well as Neville Chamberlain and of their remarkable womenfolk, was given freely by their descendants to the University of Birmingham.

Yours faithfully, PETER T. MARSH (Leverhulme visiting fellow). The University of Birmingham, School of History, Edgbaston, Birmingham BI5 2TT. December 16.

From Lady Spender

Sir. Manuscript collections (letters, December 7, II, I4) in American university and public libraries are admirably kept by distinguished and helpful custodians to whom I have reason to feel obliged. But which of our young students and our serious authors can afford to spend weeks in Texas, New York or Indiana?

As the literary executor of Stephen Spender, without the means to buy his manuscripts at auction and desiring the accessibility to students of the 1939 manuscript volume of his poems, I was keen that the British Library should acquire it, despite there being insufficient funds at the time. Happily this became possible through the co-operation of Sally Brown, its curator

Spending priorities

From Professor David Watmough

Sir. William Rees-Mogg ("Why we're all losers in the battle of the euro".

December 16) explains that Germans

"know from experience that a strong

currency is a better basis for economic

development than a weak one" and

have noted how the opposite policy

Although not having precise figures

for relative defence expenditure be-tween the UK and Germany, it is

reasonable to assume that the alloca-

tion of large UK budget resources to

projects like Polaris and Trident.

rather than to industrial production

and research and development, ac-

count for much of Britain's poor

economic performance compared to

It is not the strength of the currency

per se which is of primary importance

but the wisdom or otherwise of policy

decisions which determine it. British

politicians appear to have had a mis-

conceived image of this country's

power and importance and have over-

worked for Britain.

that of Germany.

spent.

Yours faithfully,

December 16.

DAVID WATMOUGH.

Morefield Cottage, Ullapool, Ross-shire.

of modern manuscripts, and the Po Shing Woo Foundation, towards which we all feel particular gratitude.

This small example suggests that for more substantial literary archives, perhaps beyond the scope of individual donors and smaller foundations. the Heritage Department would, as Mr Roy Davids suggested in his letter, do well to reconsider the terms governing funding, especially for manuscripts of those living authors who cannot afford to donate and are at present obliged to sell abroad.

Yours sincerely.
NATASHA SPENDER, 15 Loudoun Road, NW8.

From the Director of the National Cataloguing Unit for the Archives of Contemporary Scientists

Sir, Although the auction sale of the Brunel papers is a salutary lesson, it should not be assumed that the archives of more recent engineers are suffering the same fate.

One answer to the problem of recent archives is provided by this unit, which since 1973 has been working to ensure that the papers of some of Britain's leading contemporary engineers and scientists are not disposed of piecemeal but are placed in an appropriate repository where they can be made available for future scholarship.

To date the papers of some 180 scientists and engineers have been catalogued and deposited by the unit in more than 40 archive repositories throughout the United Kingdom.

Yours faithfully, PETER HARPER. Director,

National Cataloguing Unit for the Archives of Contemporary Scientists, University of Bath. The Library, Claverton Down, Bath BA2 7AY. December 12

Disclosing evidence

From the Director of Public Prosecutions

Sir, I am surprised that Mr Christopher Wilson-Smith, QC (letter, December 20), appears to be unaware of the enactment of the Criminal Procedure and Investigation Act 1996, sections of which are already in operation. The disclosure proposals to which he refers are not a "unilateral and fundamental change of policy* initiated by the Crown Prosecution Service as he suggests, but now part of the law, to be implemented shortly.

The CPS, in conjunction with the police, are jointly organising a major training exercise so that together we implement the new disclosure provisions fairly and effectively.

Yours faithfully, BARBARA MILLS, Director of Public Prosecutions, Crown Prosecution Service, 50 Ludgate Hill, EC4. December 20.

With the postal delays that often occur at this time of year, it is useful, where possible, for letters that are intended for publication to be faxed to 0171-782 5046. Please give contact telephone numbers.

Royal Academy's need for reform

From Mr Hugh Mcliveen

Sir, Notwithstanding the excellent suggestion by Mrs Diana King (letter, December 13) by which Friends of the Royal Academy could, through dona-tions, put right at a stroke the present financial crisis, this line institution is patently in need of effective long-term reform. In any administrative situation, payments due to a pension scheme and simply "not made" (sic)

must be viewed very seriously. Already it seems that the Academy is tying itself in knots by announcing that it will not sell any works of art; nor will staff cuts be considered (report, December (3). Hardly sensible strategy when a business plan, presumably, is in preparation and all options should remain open for consider-

At the other end of the spectrum, to provide a case within the Sackler Wing extension is but to tinker while greater problems abound: and may spoil for ever that confidently handled space which forms part of an outstanding example of contemporary architecture, as it were on permanent exhibition within the Academy pre-

Yours sincerely, HUGH McILVEEN, Bowback, Honington, Shipston on Stour, Warwickshire. December 13.

From Mr C. R. Devereux

Sir, I read with sorrow and concern of the Royal Academy's financial diffi-culties, but I do not believe that asking the Friends to resolve the problem is a valid solution. I am a history of art student at the University of East Anglia as well as a Friend, and regard RA exhibitions as a valuable aid in my studies: but I am sure there are many Friends who, like me, cannot afford to support the Academy further.

If the RA wishes to retain its autonomous standing, it cannot reasonably seek government funding, and assistance from this source would be perhaps unwise, stretching the Arts budget even further. Perhaps artists selling works in the Summer Exhibition would agree to a greater percentage of the price going to the Academy? Or why not seize the initiative and sell the Michelangelo Tondo?

The purpose of the RA is not to collect art, but to encourage its development - and what percentage of the visitors to the galleries actually see the Tondo in its obscure location?

Yours faithfully, ROBIN DEVEREUX, 2 Dover Street, Norwich, Norfolk. December 13.

Coren and Amis

From Mr Mark Anderson

Sir, Alan Coren's desire to write a best-selling publishing contract ("Can I take out a contract on Martin Amis?", December 18) is commendable. He will, of course, need legal advice on the wording of the contract. As the author of a legal textbook on intellectual property agreements, I am well qualified to advise him. and would be willing to share his royalties with him, in lieu of my normal fee.

Yours generously, MARK ANDERSON, Anderson & Company (solicitors), 36 The Vineyard, Richmond, Surrey. December 19.

Cleric's move

From the Reverend John Hawthorne

Sir, The Reverend Eric Shegog (report, December 19), commenting that was understandable that many would see his appointment as head of communications for the Diocese of London as a downwards step, asked: "But where do you go after being head of religious programming for the IBA and head of communications for the Church of England?

To a parish, perhaps? Yours faithfully, JOHN HAWTHORNE, The Vicarage, The Green, Tetbury, Gloucestershire.

Fully furnished

From Mr Asif Khan

Sir. I welcome Edward Thomas's suggestion (letter, December 18) that people calling themselves chairs and joint chairs should form a settee and become a suite of furniture.

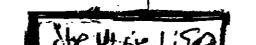
I would wholeheartedly support Mr Thomas if he were now to table a formal motion to this effect. Whether he will have a leg to stand on, I don't know.

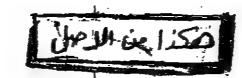
Yours sincerely, ASIF KHAN, 282a Whitton Avenue East, Greenford, Middlesex. December 18.

From Mr Rashaad Thirlway

Sir. Hereabouts we have enough local authority committee "Chairs" to furnish a complete auditorium. There can be no guarantee, however, that if so assembled they would listen to resson.

Yours faithfully, RASHAAD THIRLWAY, 30 Finchfield Hill. Wolverhampton, West Midlands. December 18.







COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE December 21: The Duke of York arrived at Heathrow Airport, London, this morning from the Philippines.

Captain Neil Blair RN, Mr Geoffrey Crawford and Major Timothy Allan were in attendance.

SANDRINGHAM NORFOLK

December 22: A Service of Lessons and Carols was held in Sandringham Parish Church this morning.

The Emperor of Japan celebrates his 63rd birthday today,

Beaudesert Park

The Governors of Beaudesert Park have appointed Mr James Womersley, presently a Housemaster at The Dragon School, Oxford, as Headmaster

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BLACKBURN CATHEDRAL 4
Carols at the Christmas Tree. The
Provost 1 (30pm Midnight Euch,
Mass of the Quiet Hour (Oldroyd),
Canon D Galliee. Mass of the Quiet Hour (Oldroyd),
Canon D Galliee.

BRECON CATHEDRAL: 3.30
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BRISTOL CATHEDRAL: College
Green 8.40 M: 12.30 HC: 3.30
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In F, Canon J Simpson.

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL: 7.30
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Lessons & Carols; II.30pm
Midnight Euch, Canon D Weston.
CHELMSFORD CATHEDRAL:
8.15 HC; 4 Crib Service; 6 Pestival
of Nine Lessons & Carols; II.30pm
Midnight Mass.
CNESTER CATHEDRAL: 3.30 Midnight Mass.
CHESTER CATHEDRAL: 3.30
CAROL Service: 5.30 Children's Crib
Service: Canon Dr T Dennis:
11.30pm Midnight Euch, Canon J

CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL: 7.30 M; 8 HC: 4.15 Biessing of Crib; 5.30 E; 10.45pm Vigil of Music and Readings; 11.30pm Midnight CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL Oxford: 3 Service of Nine Lessons & Carols. COVENTRY CATHEDRAL: 9 MP; 12 C: 12.40 Midday Prayer: 3.30

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Cecilia (née Birkmyre), a son, Anton Alexander on November 27th 1996, a brother for Alicia and remembering always our beloved Bollo, safe with god.

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16th, to Caroline (née Williams) and John, a son, Shoho Anid, a brother for Kinvara and Jock.

TOOTNE ACCESSES - On 23rd December 1995, Darryl to Nicki I love you, happy 1st.

Monday 23rd December 1946 at Canton Hall, London, Gabriel to Jean.

ANNIVERSARIES

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DEATHS

today Mr Michele Alboreto, racing

Birthdays

driver, 40; the Earl of Balfour. 71: Sir Franklin Berman, civil servant, 57: Mrs C. Bicknell, former chairman Victoria Health Authority. 77: Sir Norman Biggs, banker, 89; Lord Blake, 80; Professor Timothy Burt, Master, Hatfield College, Durham University, 45; Mr David Davis, MP, 48; Mr Peter Davis. chief executive, Prudential Corporation, 55: Mr Maurice Denham, actor, 87; Sir Colin Fielding, civil servant, 70: Mr J.R.S. Guinness, chairman, British Nuclear Fuels, 61: Mr Yousul Karsh, photographer, 88: Mr Graham Kelly, chief executive. Football Association, 51; Professor Peter Lachmann, former President, Royal College of Pathologists, 65: Miss Belinda Lang, actress, 43: Mr Christopher Lawrence, silversmith, 60; Sir Roger Neville, incore chief executive, Sun Alliance Insurance Group, 65: Miss J.M. Quennell, former MP. 73; Mr Ashley Raeburn, former chairman, Boosey and Hawkes, 78: Herr Helmut Schmidt, former Chancellor, Federal Republic of Germany, 78: the Rev Christopher

Turner, former Headmaster,

Stowe School, 67; Mr R.S. Unwin,

publisher. 71: the Marquess of

Children's Service, 7 The Form of a Servant

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DURHAM CATHEDRIAL 7.30 HC

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Carols; 5.15 EP.

ELY CATHEDRAL 7.40 M; 8 HC;
6.30 E. Carol Service, Procession
and Blessing of Crib; 11.30pm;
First Eucharist of Christmas, Little
Organ Mass (Mozart), The Dean.
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Winchester, 55.

Nature notes

WHERE the ground is frozen, small birds for-age under the hedges. Blackbirds turn the dead leaves over vigorously, looking for beetles and spiders, while robins stand with their heads cocked, using both eye and car to detect the movement of insects. Song thrushes find snails in the grass at the foot of garden walls and take them to a stone or a hard road-surface to break the shells. Discarded bottles have also been recorded as song thrush anvils. Herons range far and wide to find fish and frogs in water that is not frozen. They will even stalk other birds when the weather is really hard. Sparrow hawks come to least at busy bird-tables.

On roadsides, wilting speramens of scent-less mayweed are among the few flowers still to be seen in bloom. Next year's leafbuds are almost fully formed on some trees - scalv. sharp-pointed buds on the beeches, green and pink buds on the sycamores, and buds like small black claws on the ash trees. Long-tailed field mice are less active than they were in summer, but continue to nibble at their stores



The ever-alert robin redbreast

of nuts, seeds and apples in old birds' nests; many of them come indoors and join the house mice in kitchens.

ther Reports: A Chronicle of Bird Life from the Pages of The Times, by Derweat May, is obtainable post free at the special price of £10.95 from The Times Book Offer FT603, PO Box 345, Falcounth TRII ZYX feel 0990-134-459, 24 bourst.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: James Gibbs, architect, Aberdeen 1682: Sir Richard Arkwright, inventor, Presson, 1732; Joseph Smith, founder of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (Mormons), Sharon, Vermont, 1805: Samuel Smiles, author of Self Flelp, Fladdington,

DEATHS: John Cotton, Puritan clergyman (the Patriarch of New England), Boston, 1652; Thomas Robert Malthus, economist, Bath. 1834: Hugh Miller, geologist, committed suicide, 1865; Alexandre Gustave Eiffel, builder of the tower bearing his name, Paris, 1923;

Anthony Herman Fokker, aircraft

pioneer. New York, 1939; Edward

of Halifax, statement, Vintrey of India 1926-31, Garsowby, York-shire, 1959.

HMS Bounty, commanded by William Bligh, set sail for the South Seas, 1787. Joseph Hansom patented a type of cab, 1834

The BBC began daily radio broad-CROSS, 1922

Appointments in the Forces

Royal Navy and Royal Marines CAPTAIN: C R Style to MoD London in Rank of Citre, 6.5.97; P J Tyrrell to Herod, 14,1.97. COMMANDER: P E N Brockwell to MoD Bristol, 14.3.97; R T Love to Fost Sea 31.1.97; M R Pepper to MoD London. 16.5.97; M I Patter to FOTR Portsmouth, 25.7.97; K D J Słowe to Lancester; 16.4.97.

CHAPLAIN: M J McCall, 27.2.97.

Royal Air Force Air Vice Marshal PC Norriss to be Controller Aircraft from Dece ber 21 in succession to Air Marshal Sir Roger Austin. The appointment carries with it membership of the Air Force Board of the Defence Council GROUP CAPTAIN: M Gleave to

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AIR COMMODORE: S N Bostock

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ST MARKS, Repeats Park Rd, NW1: 11.30pm, Midnight Mass, Missa Sancti Nitolai (Haydn), O magnum mysterium (Poulenci, Rev T Devoumire Jones.

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Forthcoming marriages

and Mint H.I. Wassell

The engagement is announced between Jason, son of Mr and Mrs Thomas Ansley, of Columbus, Ohio, USA, and Hannah, daughter of Mr and Mrs Andrew Wassell, of Colchester, Essex. Mr R.W. Disson and Miss L. du Parc Locmaria

The engagement is announced between Richard, elder son of Major and Mrs Christopher Dixon, of Chieveley, Berkshire, and Lucy, daughter of Count and Countess Tristan du Parc Locmaria, of Paris. Mr H.R. Enfield and Miss L.C. Lyster

The engagement is announced between Henry, only son of Mr and Mrs Edward Enfield, of Billingshurst, Sussex, and Lucy. younger danghter of Mr and Mrs. Rae Lyster, of Layer de la Haye,

Mr J.C. Golde and Min C.C. Woodhoose The engagement is announced between Jonathan, son of Mr and Mrs Richard Guise, of South Nutfield, Surrey, and Catherine, daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Woodliouse, of Reigate, Surrey. Mr J.A.N. King and Miss J.K. Flesting

The engagement is announced between James, son of Mr and Mrs J.N. King, of Little Shelford, Cambridgestine, and Joanna, daughter of Mr and Mrs Robin Fleming, of Steeple Barton, Oxfordable.

Mr.J.C.R. Pryen and Miss B.G. Gorgone The engagement is announced between Julian, eldest son of Mr and Mrs N.J.B. Prynn, of Durham

City, and Barbara, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs R. Gorgone, of Modena, Italy, Mr S.L. Stockwell and Miss S.L. Lloyd-Smith

The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Mr and Mrs David Stockwell, of Westwood, Wiltshire, and Sor eidest daughter of Mr and Mrs John Lloyd-Smith, of Lantau, Hong Kong.

Marriages Mr R.W.T. Chance

and Miss K. Surgison The marriage took place on Sat-urday at St Catherine's, Criccieth, Gwynedd, of Mr Toby Chance, younger son of Sir Jeremy and Lady Chance, of Gwynedd, to Miss Kay Surgison, daughter of Mr Peter Surgison, of Johannesburg, and the late Mrs Surgison. The Bishop of Bangor and the Arch-deacon of Meirionnydd officiated. The bride, who was given in marriage by Mr Hywel Richards, was attended by Madekine Chance Joanna Beautoy and Katie

A reception was held at eirion and the honeymoon.

Kriegier. Mr Ian Kriegier was best

and Miss K.C. Sanderson The marriage took place on Sat-urday at the Church of St Bartholomew, Burwash, East Sussex, of Mr James Michael Douglas Thomson, son of the late Mr Paul Thomson and of Mrs Anne Lilias Cuddigan, of Sandhill, Suffolk, to Miss Katherine Claire Sanderson, younger daughter of Sir Frank and Lady Sanderson, of Burwash. The Rev

R. Vincent officiated. The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Clementine Wigley and Miss Nina Sanderson. Mr Geoffrey Austin was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoun will be spent in Cape Town, South

Mr M.L. Harvie-Watt and Miss M.M.N. Thompson The marriage took place on Sat-urday, December 7, 1996 at The Church of the Most Holy Re-deemer, Cheyne Row, of Mr Mark Harvie-Watt, only son of Sir James Harvie-Watt Bt. and Lady Harvie-Watt and Miss Miranda Thompson, only daughter of Mr Martin Thompson and Mrs Robin Astell. The bride, who was given in marriage by her Father was at-tended by Hanna Bellord, Letita Thompson, Francesca Thompson, Miranda Squire and Eleanor St. Aubyn.

Mr. E.J.H. Gonner and Mrs J.A. Farquia The marriage took place in London on December 20 of Edward Gorman and Jeanna

Farquitament. Mr P. Horsley and Mrs H. Lindsay

The marriage took place quietly in Salisbury, on Priday, December 20, between Mr Paul Horsley and Mrs Sarah Lindsay, widow of Major Hugh Lindsay. Captain R. Thorneloe and Miss F. de Boso

The marriage took place on Sat-urday, December 21 at the Church of St Mary the Virgin, Kirtlington, Oxfordshire, of Captain Rupert Thorneloe, Welsh Guards, son of Major and Mrs John Thorneloe, and Miss Francesca de Bono, daughter of Professor and Mrs Annoy de Bono. The Bey Dereit Anmay de Bono. The Rev Derek. Walker officialed.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was attended by Mrs George Edmonds, Miss Jessica Thorneloe, Harriet and Patrick Hunter. Mr Thomas Gadsby was best man.
A guard of honour was found by

Warrant Officers and Senior Non Commissioned Officers of the 1st Battation, The Weish Guards.

A reception was held at
Kirdington Park and the honeymoon is being spent in Scotland.

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Mr D.G.R. Wansbrough The marriage took place in London, on Priday, December 20, of David Wansbrough and Jane Wormald.

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church services

Christmas Eve

Blessing of Crib; 4.30 E; 5.30 Nime Lessons & Carols; 11.30pm Midnight Euch. Buckson in G, Bethlehem Down (Warlock), Lullaby (Keily), Canon P Marshall. DOCHESTER CATHEDRAL: 7.30 M; 8 HC; 3.15 E; 3.45 Blessing of Crib; 11.30 Midnight Mass, Messe de Minuit (Charpenier), In the bleak mid-winter (Darke), the Blshop.

SALIBBURY CATHEDRAL: 130 MP & HC; 5.30 E, Responses (Smitb), Stanford in G, Hymn to the Virgin (Britten): 11.45pm First Euch of Churstmas, sung by The Farrant Singers, Sibent Night (Gruber), Messe de Minuit (Charpentier), Canon J Davies.

HHEFPIELD CATHEDRAL: 7.30 MP; & Euch: 5.45 EF. 7 Nine Lessons & Carols; 11.30 Midnight Euch, Canon C Smith.

HOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: 1.30 Midnight Euch, Canon C Smith.

BOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: 1.30 MIDNIGHT EUCH MARK CATHEDRAL: 1.30pm Choral Euch, Bishop of Southwark. in the bleak mid-winter (Darke), Bishop of Leicester.

INCHIFIELD CATHEDRAL: 9.30 HC: 5.30 EP: 6.30 Fmily Crib Service with Cathedral Choristers: 11.30pm First Eucharist of Christmas, Mass in G (Schubert), Christians be joyful (Bach), In the bleak mid-winter (Darke), Rev A Smith. Smith.

LINCOLN CATHEDRAL: 7.40 M: 8, 10.30 HC; 3.30 EP: 4 Carol Service, Mayor's Christmas Message; 11.30 Midnight Euch and Blessing of Crib, Mass of the Quiet Hour (Oldroyd), O men from the fields (A Cooke), the Chancellor, MANCHESTER CATHEDRAL: 7.45 MP; 8 HC; 12 Family Carols; 2 EP: 11.30pm, First Communion of Christmas, Bishop of Manchester. Southwark

SOUTHWELL MINSTER: 7,30 HC,
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watchmen's voices (Bach): 4,30
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NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL: 6
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(Haydn), What sweeter music can
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NEWPORT CATHEDRAL: 3
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PETPERBOROUGH CATHEDRAL: TRUEN CATHEORAL: 7.30 M: 8
HC: 5.30 EP: 7 Festival of Nine
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Midnight Mass, the Curate. WARDHELD CATHEDRAL: 5
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and Children; 11 Procession to
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Service of Lessons & Carols; 11.30
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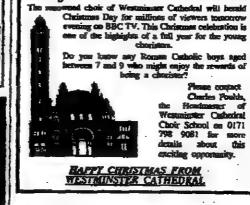
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OBITUARIES

GEOFFREY MORTON

Geoffrey Morton, BEM, former deputy superintendent in the Palestine Police, died in Cheitenham on December II aged 89. He was born on September 5.

eoffrey Morton was the man who shot Avraham Stern. During the Second World War the Stern Gang. a breakaway faction from the Irgun Zvei Leumi, consisted of Jewish terrorists who had not agreed to a truce with the British authorities in mandated Palestine for as long as the struggle against Hitler lasted. Under the leadership of the ascetic-looking Stern, a teacher and a poet known to his followers as "Yair" (which means "the light"), they robbed banks, planted bombs and did not hesitate to shoot dead anybody who got in their way.

Particular targets were those Jews serving in the ranks of the Palestine Police, whom the Stern Gang regarded as traitors. By January 1942 Assistant Superintendent Morton had spent two years in charge of the Lydda police district CID, which covered both Jewish Tel Aviv and Arab Jaffa. In this time he had shot dead an Arab gangster wanted for multiple murder in a face-to-face gunfight, clearing a jam in his automatic pistol a fraction of a second before the Arab cleared a similar jam in his. He was also responsible for unearthing several big Jewish arms caches.

But these finds made no difference whatsoever to the Stern Gang, whose crimes became increasingly callous. In November 1941 they murdered one of Morton's Jewish constables while he was off duty and out walking with his wife and young child. One of the gummen responsible for this outrage was identified by witnesses as a man called Zelik Zak. Then, in January 1942, they had their biggest success to that date.

Three members of the Palestine Police died after being lured to a bomb set up on the top of a Tel Aviv apartment block and detonated electronically from a neighbouring rooftop. Deputy Superintendent Solomon Schiff, one of the most senior Jewish policemen in the force, was killed instantly. Inspector Nahum Goldman died the next day. Inspector E. Turton, the holder of the King's Police Medal for Galiantry for saving a trainload of Jews from an Arab mob, lingered for a week after both his legs had been amputated.

The Mandate authorities responded by offering what in 1942 were substantial rewards for information that would lead to the arrest and conviction of the bombers. A figure of £3,000 was put on their heads and a further £L000 for Stern himself who, according to Morton, had declared more than once that

Exactly a week after Schiff died, a Jewish informant from Tel Aviv told Morton of four young men who had hired a single room in a third-floor flat in Dizengoff Street. Morton could have waited for reinforcements but he decided to respond immediately. He raced to the flat at the head of a team of six armed detectives. Three set up a loose cordon around the building and Morton and the other two entered the rented room where the first person he The state of the s saw was Zelik Zak, the man suspected of having shot the off-duty constable in front of his wife. Two other men were in the room, lying on beds in various states of undress. Morton yelled at them in Hebrew "Don't stand up".



When they did, he began shooting. Zelik Zak and one of the others were mortally wounded. The third survived with flesh wounds as did a fourth man shot in the buttocks by one of the CID men while climbing out of a lavatory window. All four turned out to be wellknown members of the Stern Gang but none of them was Avraham Stern.

In hospital a few days later one of the wounded terrorists was overheard by a guard whispering to his mother the importance of consulting a person living in the top flat at 8 Mizrachi B Street. It was all Morton needed. On February 22, 1942, Stern, apparently unarmed, was found hiding in a wardrobe there: What happened next was to be the subject of at least three successful libel actions by Morton, who always insisted that he neither shot Stern in cold blood nor even "while attempting to escape". According to him, Stern was fully aware that the place was surrounded and that he had no hope of escape, yet the terrorist suddenly made a dash for a window. Morton shot him dead: "I could only conclude that he had some infernal machine rigged up and that he was making a desperate attempt to reach it," he wrote in Just the Job, the memoirs he published in 1957.

Dulwich, south London, where his father was the managing director of the local branch of United Dairies. He attended St Olave's Grammar School, from which he followed his father into the dairy firm, soon becoming its

servery manager. But during the General Strike of 1926, when he was 18, he joined the Special Constabulary and this gave him a taste for police work. In 1930 he managed to enlist in the Palestine Police, despite the lack of a military background which this particular force still much preferred to any actual police experience. Once he had passed out of the force's rigorous infantry-style basic training at their Jerusalem depot on Mount Scopus, he was posted to its transport section where the opportunities for any real police work were slight. Disillusioned, he left Palestine

when his term of enlistment ended in

1932 but returned six months later

when he heard that the formidable Roy

Spicer, the force's new Inspector Gen-

eral, was making sweeping changes. Spicer spotted Morton as the kind of young man he wanted to encourage and, once he had passed his Higher Language Examination in Arabic, he was rapidly promoted. In 1935, when a countrywide Arab rebellion against the British started over Jewish immigration, Morton was a head constable, the equivalent of a sergeant-major. In Halfa he had to cope with a dangerous riot in which — saved only by his tin hat - he was almost brained by a falling coping stone. The following year he was awarded the British Empire Medal.

Then, as in more recent times against the Israelis, the focal point of Palestinian rural resistance lay between the three Samarian towns of Jenin, Nablus and Tulkarm, which the British called the Triangle of Terror. In ... April 1938 Morton, promoted to Assistant Superintendent, was put in command of the Jenin Division and rapidly ticular the plaudits of Bernard Montgomery, the little major-general who, commanding a division of British troops, had hastened to the territory.

Morton survived several skirmishes, demonstrating an admirable coolness under fire in a fissured countryside ready-made for ambush, though he tended to shrug off praise saying that the Arabs were bad shots. But his real flair was for finding arms caches, a task at which he displayed the kind of imaginative tactics that were completely belied by his somewhat solemn. policeman's exterior.

After descending on one village, where he was convinced arms were hidden and receiving the usual blank

denials, he took one of the chief suspects around the back of a building from where the assembled villagers heard a shot followed by a scream which was cut short by another shot followed by a shorter even louder scream. Weapons were promptly handed over and when the haul was complete the "dead man" was resurrected, appearing between the two grinning Arab constables who had made the blood-curdling screams.

By the beginning of 1939, towards the end of the Arab revolt, Jewish counter-terrorism had started. Two British policemen were killed when they were examining some boobytrapped bombs placed on a train full of Arab workers. Morton discovered that the man behind these bombs was called Avraham Stern. It was the first time he had heard his name.

After Morton killed Stern he was provided with three police bodyguards and was always accompanied by at least two of them. This did not deter Stern's disciples from trying to avenge his death. On May I, 1942, Morson and his wife Alice, who was working as a teacher in Jaffa, plus two of the bodyguards, were driving past an orange grove when the terrorists detonated a landmine made up of 60 sticks of gelignite. The explosion was loud enough to send people in Jaffa three miles away down to their air raid shelters but, though the car was wrecked, all the passengers were unhurt, apart from concussion. A few days later Morton discovered that two more home-made landmines had been placed in the cemetery where he and his wife would have been interred with the intention, no doubt, of reuniting them with the High Commissioner and other members of the governing elite there to pay their last especis.

Having survived such attempted reprisals, the Mortons were sent home on extended leave. When they returned to Palestine almost a year later Morton, though promoted to deputy superintendent, was given a series of non-jobs, including being the police representative on the film censorship board. Things had changed.

The Germans had been thrown out of North Africa and the Jews in Palestine no longer felt they needed the British to protect them. Stern, during his life reviled by many of the Jewish community almost as much as by the British, had taken on the halo of a posthumous hero. Rumours about the manner of his death persisted. The American attitude towards Jewish terrorism was increasingly ambivalent. The man who had killed Avraham Stern had become an embarrassment. Less than a year after he returned, Morton left Palestine for good and without regret. After service in Trinidad he ended

his police career in 195 police commissioner of Nyasaland where he was best known for the interest he took in the Police Band. His liking for Africa and Africans probably made this the happiest part of his service. He developed a strong distaste for South Africa's apartheid system, a viewpoint that was not always shared by his contemporaries.

After his return to England he worked for many years as a security and personnel officer for an engineering firm in Gloucestershire before retiring to Cheltenham, where few of his bridge partners were aware of his colourful past. He is survived by his wife Alice, whom he married in 1939. and a son and daughter.

MARIA DONSKA

Maria Donska, pianist, died on December 20 aged 84. She was born in Poland on September 3. 1912

AN ACCOMPLISHED interpreter of the music of Beethoven, Schubert and Chopin, Maria Donska will be particularly remembered for her fine performances at the National Gallery's memorable lunchtime concerts during the Sec-ond World War. These. initiated by Myra Hess after the gallery's collection had been removed to a safe place, and supported by Denis Matthews, Cyril Smith, Kathleen Ferrier and many others, became musical events of immense importance for those in search of an interlude of peace and reflection in bomb-battered London. Hundreds came to enjoy exquisite works each day.

As a pianist, it was said by one of her pupils, she never came between her listeners and their enjoyment of the work. It was vital to understand how a composer wished a piece to be played, Donska said, and for interpreters never to impose their own personalities upon it. She liked to cite Chopin's work as an example: so often, she said, played unchythmically and sentimentally when Chopin intended it to he thythmical. It was characteristic of her that she should express her strong views on music fearlessly. Maria Donska was born in

Lodz, the daughter of a distinguished philologist and engineer. As a pianist she was a prodigy, beginning to play when she was four. By the age of seven, by which time her family had moved to Gdansk where her father was organising a shipbuilding contract, she was giving professional concerts, playing the works of Schubert and Schumann for British diplomats,

She made her first appearance with an orchestra when she was 11, flawlessly carrying off a quick and complex piece by Weber, A year later, she left school to study music full-time at a conservatoire, doing so well there that she was sent on to Berlin to work under Schnabel. She was now 14, and it was there that she met Barbara Speyer - the daughter of the violinist Leonora Speyer who was another student of Schnabel's. They became lifeong menos.

Her time spent studying under Schnabel proved an unforgenable experience. Besides his greatness as a planist and the influence this inevitably had on her work, he had. she told friends, a brilliant intellect and wit, although he looked like a bank manager. Schnabel, in his turn, thought so highly of his student that he took her to London in 1929 when invited by Samuel Cortauld to give a series of Mozart and Schubert recitals. Indeed, it was Schnabel. Donska argued, who was in large part responsible for



bringing the work of these two composers to the attention of the British public.

In 1933, horrified at the emergence of Hitler and the stirrings of anti-Semitism benches for Jews, for example, were painted yellow Donska returned to Poland to work for Warsaw Radio before in 1934, clutching in her hand a £5 ticket, she found herself on a boat embarking for London. Ever since she had visited London with Schnabel, she had longed to see the city again.

From then on her life became increasingly active. When the BBC heard that she had experience in radio, she was at once asked to make recordings for It. She went to live in St John's Wood with her friend Speyer, applied for British citizenship, helped the poet Walter Thomas with his book of Mozart's letters and, in 1936, enrolled at the Royal College of Music. When asked by one senior pianist why she, so evidently gifted, should want lessons, she replied: "To learn English so that I can play in this country." She remained at the RCM

until 1940, winning the Hopkunson Gold Medal in 1936. the Chappell Gold Medal (the college's highest award for excellence) in 1937 and the Clement Exhibition in 1938. She had a tragic love affair with the painter Mark Gertler and it was she who found his body when he committed suicide in 1939.

With the outbreak of war, Donaka toured the country for the Council for the Encouragement of Music and the Arts the precursor of the Arts Council. Meanwhile, she moved to Windsor to avoid the Blitz. But it was at this point that she suffered a severe mental breakdown, exacerbated by fearful anxiety for the wellbeing of her family in occupied Poland. This kept

her from playing in public. in 1943 she returned to recording for the BBC, played at the National Gallery and at the Wigmore Hall and, to replace those who had been called up, began to teach at the RCM and continued to do so until 1946. She joined the Bryanston Summer School in 1948, playing each year until 1951 when the summer school was transferred to Dartington where she continued throughout the 1950s.

In 1955 she gave recitals of the complete Beethoven sonatas at the Festival Hall and it was during one of these that she met Jacob Epstein. He was so struck by her performance and beauty that he asked her to sit for him. The 12 sittings she gave him proved, she said, "the experience of a lifetime". They would discuss their shared love of music, Shakespeare, poetry and especially the work of William Blake, of whom Epstein had been commissioned to make a likeness for Westminster Abbev.

She continued to give concerts until the 1970s. plavin the Wigmore Hall and recording for the BBC. She also taught at the RCM from 1960 to 1980. When in 1989 illness ended her career as a pianist she buried herself in reading Shakespeare. Until the end of her life she enjoyed discussing anything to do with music, literature or art with the many admirers who came to see her.

Maria Donska remained unmarried. Her lifelong friend and companion Barbara Speyer died in 1987 and all her Jewish relatives, including her brother, were killed by the Nazis during the war.

AIR VICE-MARSHAL PETER WARD

Air Vice Marthal Peter Ward, former Director General of Royal Air Force Training, died on November 20 aged 66. He was born on January 26.

ONE OF the first "postwar entry air marshals, Peter Ward was foremost an aviator. Unusually, he served in four separate RAF Commands and, in the course of his career, flew an exceptional variety of aircraft despite the fact that his impressive stature - he was 6ft 5in tall - might not have seemed ideally suited to the cramped confines of a "h cockpit.

Peter Alexander Ward was born in Bagshot and educated at Woking Grammar School. Determined to fly from the outset, he joined the RAF as a cadet pilot in 1947 and after flying training was posted to 101 Squadron at Binbrook.

210 Squadron flying Lancas- The squadron's Canberras ters on maritime reconnaissonce. In those days, sorties were often flown at alarmingly low level, a fact attested to corroded airframes. On detachment in Maita, Ward once handed over a Laucaster. its engines running, only for the aircraft's wings to fold minutes later over the Mediterranean, with tragic con-

SEC(UED) 1005. Later, while instructing at the Joint Anti-Submarine School in Londonderry, Ward was held captive for several hours in a disused warehouse by republican hardliners. Never short of charm or humour, he passed the time with his captors while they drank themselves to a better disposition, eventually releasing him unharmed.

He returned to flying duties in 1955 when he was posted to

were soon operational over the jungles of Malaya, bombing communist targets at low lev el. Ward displayed remarkable airmanship following a canopy failure and depressurisation at 40,000ft over a tropical storm. Hindered by a flailing oxygen mask and no longer able to establish his height or altitude, Ward had little option but to put the aircraft into a steep and potentially unstable dive, plummeting into the furious weather below. Returning to Malta, the squadron was soon operational again, this time against airfields during the Suez crisis. The destruction of Nasser's air force doubtless saved

ensuing invasion at Port Said. Posted in 1957 to 83 Squadron's brand new Vuicans, Ward continued to display the intuitive skill that made him a

the lives of many troops in the



natural pilot. Described by his commanding officer as a superb aviator, he led his crew in winning consecutive Bomber Command bombing competitions. He displayed the aircraft throughout the United States and at Paris where,

somewhat unusually, he barrel-rolled it. The Cuban missile crisis, however, drove home the grave responsibility entailed in piloting Britain's nuclear deterrent. At the height of the crisis, crews sat aboard armed aircraft at immediate notice to fly.

After commanding the RAF detachment at Goose Bay in Labrador, Ward returned to the Ministry of Defence. He resumed flying in 1968 and, although surprised to find himself commanding 511 Britannia Transport Squadron. proved characteristically daptable, swiftly assimilating the complexities of trans-port operations, which later proved invaluable.

Following a period as both student and instructor at the National Defence College, Ward was posted to Ethiopia as military adviser to Haile Selassie's Imperial Forces.

Presented at court, he had the unusual experience of being invited to join the Emperor's lion-shooting party.
He took over Brize Norton

in 1974. It was then the RAF's largest station with some 10,000 personnel and dependants, and proved a challenging command. The announcement of massive cuts in the transport force threatened a collapse of aircrew morale, while the Cyprus airlift tested the station's operational capability. Ninety-five sorties were flown at short notice, and some 7,500 Britons evacuated.

In 1976, Ward became Senior Air Staff Officer at 38 Group, which provided close air and tactical transport support for the Army. While there, he found time to maintain his flying currency on the group's Harrier and Jaguar Defence Studies where, promored to Air Vice-Marshal in 1979, he was appointed Director General of Training, In a time of increased focus on defence expenditure, he appeared before a Commons Defence Select Committee, justifying the expense of the

flying training programme. He played an instrumental part in the first major sale of Hawk aircraft to Saudi Arabia. British Aerospace acknowledged his input as an impartial but expert trainer of aircrew.

Ward's last service appointment in 1982, as Deputy Chief of Staff (Operations and Intelligence). Allied Air Forces Central Europe, came at a time of diminishing political resolve within Nato, following the proposed deployment of Pershing and cruise missiles aircraft. He moved from 38 on European soil. His diplo-Group to the Royal College of matic skill and incisive mind contributed to the competence and solidarity that prevailed within the headquarters, regardless of difficulties at the political level.

Retiring from the Air Force in 1984, he spent a frustrating two years as general manager of a health authority before a brief period as a management consultant. A keen sailor, he finally retired to Lymington where he became an avid bird watcher as well. He kept a number of Service links as vice-chairman of the Regular Forces Employment Agency. director of the Corps of Commissionaires and a trustee of the Royal Patriotic Corporation. His remaining time he devoted to various local committees.

He met his wife Patricia when serving in Labrador. They married in Canada in 1963. He is survived by her and by their two sons.

University news

SOMERVILLE COLLEGE The following elections have been

To a Coombs Scholarship in English: Carolyn Louise Smith. formerly of Lliswerry High School To a Bull Exhibition in English:

Rebecca Alexandra Goss, Devonport High School for Girls, Plymouth. To a Coombs Exhibition in Jurisprudence: Sheena Shabnam

Singla, Wycombe Abbey School, Bucks. To a Coombs Prize in History: Helen Elizabeth Perry, City of London School for Girls. To a Coombs Prize in English: Jonathan Charles Sumuel Day. Nelson Thomlinson School,

Cumbria. To a Coombs Prize in English: Thomas David Owen, Bishop's Stortford College, Herts. To a Kirkaldy Prize in Physics: in economics.

Martin Christopher Bates, Hyde-

Clarendon College, Herts. To a Sarah Smithson Prize in Modern Languages: Zoe Christina Hardwick, Presdales School,

To a College Prize in Engineering: Emily Ann Coleman, The European School, Belgium. To a College Prize in Engineering: Maria Alexandra Hardiman, Birkenhead High School GPOST.

FITZWILLIAM COLLEGE The following have been elected into Fellowships in Class C from

October 1, 1997: Conor lames Houghton, post-graduate student at Trinity College, Cambridge, for the purpose of research in Applied mathematics. Helen Frances Weeds, America's Senior Scholar at Merton College, Oxford, for the purpose of research

Appointments Elena Costas Andreon, Lecturer in Econometrics in the School of Economic Studies from September 1. 1996.

Kersti E Bürjars, Lecturer in Linguistics from September 1.

Myfarmy Bryce, Lecturer for succession to Research Fellow) in the Department of Physics and Astronomy from October I, 2000. Timothy David John Chappell, Lecturer in Philosophy from September 1, 1996. Andrew Frederick Clark, Senior Lecturer in Adolescent Psychiatry

in the Department of Psychiatry from February I, 1997. Margaret Catherine Dolan, Senior Lecturer in Forensic Psychiatry in the Department of Psychiatry from

August 1, 1996. Peter Kinderman, Lecturer in Registrar and Secretary's Depart-Clinical Psychology in the Department, from April 1, 1996. Peter Kinderman, Lecturer in

ment of Psychiatry from Septem-

Peter Kirby, Lecturer in Economic History from January 1, 1997. Karina M M Reynolds, Senior Lecturer in Gynaecological Oncol-ogy in the Department of Ob-steries and Gynaecology and Reproductive Healthcare from

January 1, 1997. Simon Gregory Robinson, Lecturer in Geography from Septemher 1, 1996.

Jennifer Jayne Shaw, Senior Lec-turer in Forensic Psychiatry in the Department of Psychiatry from November 1, 1996. David Radgers, Chief Executive (in

from August i, 1996. Kevin Casey, senior buyer in the office of the Director of Finance,

addition to production director) in the Manchester University Press

THE LEIPZIG TRIAL **BRITISH OFFICERS** FOUND GUILTY. (FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

LEIPZIG, DEC 22.

After two days' trial Lieutenant Brandon and Captain Trench were this evening found guilty of attempting to convey to the British Admiralty information the keeping secret of which is an essential interest of German national security. Under consideration of "mitigating circumstances" they were sen-tenced to four years' detention in a military fortress, less two months to be deducted consideration of their imprisonment while awaiting trial. The Court ordered the papers. maps, instruments, and so our found in the possession of the officers to be confiscated. The findings of the Court of 14 Judges were

declared to be unanimous. Sentence was passed at half-past 4, after a ing of six hours, followed by the retirement of the Judges for an hour and a half. During the reading of the explanatory statement and the sentence itself both prisoners stood motionless and impassive, berraying nothing

whatever by face or gesture. It will be remembered that when the Court rose last night the evidence had been

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The two officers made a favourable impression on German opinion. One German newspaper stated that ... neither the English officers nor their superiors can be blamed for doing what they hold to be their duty. . . *

enhausted in regard to all the localities except Borkum, and that the military representatives objected to any evidence about Borkum being given in public m. . .

The secret hearing of the evidence about Borkum took about an hour and a half. There were few, but those not uninteresting, subsequent allusions to it. Dealing with the question why, after Brandon's arrest at Borkum, Trench remained behind and accompanied him to Emden instead of making good his own escape, counsel for the prosecu-tion argued that his motive was to secure Brandon's expert observations in the fortifica-

tions. The Court, he spid, had heard how

detailed the information recorded was, including even the measurements of the fortress guns. In another connection counsel said that it was only in consequence of Trench's own frank admissions yesterday and to-day that they knew he had entered the Borkum fortifications at all. There was also a curious reference to the accuracy of the Borkum observations which the Court had considered in camera. Counsel for the defence implied that the naval expert, Captain Tagert, had said that the observations were inaccurate...

PRISON LIFE IN A FORTRESS LEIPZIG, DEC 22

I have seen the officers' counsel, who has visited them in prison. They were very gay and perfectly satisfied with the result of the trial. It s probable that they will be sent to the forcess of Glatz, in Silesia, a pleasantly situated place, where they will be allowed to provide their own comforts and to enjoy the society of the officers, students, and others, all men of education and good social position, who share the Governor's hospitality in the fortress. The prisoners have plenty of opportunity for recreation and study. There are no irksome regulations, and it will not be difficult for them to obtain leave to make excursions in the town. provided that they return the same night.

NEWS

Car bomb ends loyalist ceasefire

The loyalist ceasefire appeared to be in ruins after a notorious republican was injured by a booby-trap car bomb in the Ardoyne area of north Belfast.

Eddie Copeland, who was named in Parliament in 1994 as an alleged IRA godfather, was wounded in his right leg in an explosion as he started his car at lunchtime outside his mother's house...

Millennium project in funding danger

Tory and Labour leaders were warned that they have only weeks to settle a political battle that threatens to scupper plans for the Millennium Exhibition. The chief executive who last week resigned from handling the £700 million project said that private companies would reject the scheme unless there is swift agreement on funding ...

Peruvian appeal

Thousands of Peruvians demonstrated in support of a compromise between President Fujimori and the rebels holding 360 hostages in the Japanese Ambassador's residencePages 1. 7

Bishop accused

Roderick Wright, former Bishop of Argyli and the Isles, will never be allowed to return to a Roman Catholic Church post in Scotland, even if he repents Pages 1, 6

Exam plea

State and independent school head teachers have joined forces to demand a postponement of changes to A and AS-level examinations, which ministers hope to implement before the general electionPage 2

Missile dangers

Mystery Maltida

Significant numbers of a Royal Navy's air-to-air missile have been withdrawn because of dangerous cracks that could make them explode on firing Page 2

Behind the heroine of Matilda.

the film based on a Roald Dahl story likely to rate with young audiences, lies a Matilda nothing like her screen persona Page 3

Church struggle

A new vicar has been appointed to take charge of Selby Abbey where a power struggle has led to the resignation of three vicars in ...Page 4

Christmas cost

The cost of Christmas may seem bigger each year but Britain's oldest seasonal price index shows it has risen little more than the rate of inflation...

Heart mechanics

Michael Tynan, professor of pedistric cardiology, and Dr Shakeel Qureshi, a consultant, are readying themselves for a day of "mechanics" the repair of a human heart without of the use of the surgeon's knife Page 6

Shadow government

China's Selection Committee chose the 60 members of Hong Kong's the provisional legislature who are to replace the present elected Legislative Council on

Yeltsin comes home

For the first time in nearly five months, President Yeltsin's motorcade will sweep through Moscow and into the Kremlin, as the Russian leader begins his second term in office....

Mastroianni farewell

Rome bade a tearful farewell to Marcello Mastroianni, the actor who personified the quintessential Latin lover of the 1960s dolos ..Page 8

Gingrich fights on

Newt Gingrich was fighting to save his job as Speaker after his stunning confession that he had broken ethics rules Page 9

End of the line for Christmas fun

■ There were all the ingredients of a festive staff party, including the feeling of the floor swaying. Aboard the 18.31 London to Brighton train, commuters were having a celebration on the last working Friday before Christmas. This year may be their last. Connex South Central, the franchise holders. are planning to remove the beloved buffet cars...... Page 5



Former Beruit hostages, Terry Waite and John McCarthy, watch as Diane Wells lights a candle during a vigil at a parish church in Blackburn, Lancashire, for her son Paul who is being held hostage by separatists in Kashmir

BUSINESS

Christmas cheer: The amount of merger and takeover work around looks set to make 1996 a bumper year for brokers, bankers and the like, with fees expected to exceed

Christmas gloom: Figures from the TUC and the Labour Party suggest long-term unemployment remains hard to eradicate, while the number of children brought up in jobless homes is risingPage 36 Electric shocks One of the most

extraordinary takeover bids in recent history is coming to a close, with the fate of Northern Electric still uncertainPage 36

Hard lebour: More than 150 years after Dickens wrote A Christmas Carol, working hours are lengthening, experts sayPage 34

Measured up: £700 is a lot of dosh to pay for a suit. But if you're the sort of person who is happy to pay that much, then it's a bargain. Joe Joseph orders from Savile Row via

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Shanghai .. Jone Shiffing: "Goose is ordered, the kitchen is stuffed with sprouts and dementines, brazil nuts and shallots. So why do I still feel so miserable? Because I haven't got anything to wear"...... Page II

Revolutionary find: Java skuils suggest that Homo erectus, an ancestor of modern man, existed just Page 10 27,000 years ago

Nigel Hawkes: The worm-like objects found in Martian meteorites and hailed as evidence of life on Mars are not animal but mineral, a new examination says Page 10

General: cold and windy day

England and Wates should be mainly dry with bright spells. The far South

West may be cloudler with sleet. Wintry showers in northeast England. Scotland and Northern Ireland

should be predominantly dry with sunny spells. Eastern Scotland could

sunny spells. Eastern Scotland could see a few wintry showers.

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E Mitilands, W Mildiands, S Wales, N Waies, NW and Central N England, Lake District, Isle of Man, SW Scotland, N Ireland: dry, sunny periods. Wind E or NE, fresh occasionally strong. Max 3C (37F).

Melvyn Bragg: If Jimmy McGov em's play about the Hillsborough disaster proved one thing, it was that television can speak to - and shake — the nation Page 12

Dance feast: From testosterone tap to gender-bending ballet, it is a bumper Christmas for dance on the small screen ... Fine performance: Neil Bartlett's

new adaptation of A Christmas Carol has one thing going for It above all else: Richard Briers's wonderful portrayal of the old skinflint Scrooge High notes: Berlioz's choral

epic, L'Enfance du Christ, is superbly performed in Manchester by the chorus and orchestra of the Royal Northern College of

IN THE TIMES VISUAL ART Why Bill Viola's video installation for Durham Cathedral was one of

IAW. How two deals have decided the reparations for the Gulf War

the highlights of 1996

Cricket: England came within one run of victory in the first Test match

against Zimbabwe. It was the first time that the scores were level in a Premiership: Wimbledon's 19match unbeaten run was ended when they were humbled 5-0 by Aston Villa _ ... Page 22

Footbaff: Peter Shilton completed his 1,000 League game without conceding a goal, as Leyton Orient beat Brighton 2-0 Page 21 Rugby union: The sending off of Brian Moore, the former England hooker, almost certainly cost Richmand the chance of victory in their Pilkington Cup tiePage 27 Salling: James Capstick, a member

of the crew of Ocean Rover, a yacht competing in the BT Global Challenge race, gives an account of preparing for Christmas.......Page 21 Rugby union: Four clubs will now be relegated from the first division of the Courage Clubs Championship after a surprise mid-season

Equestrianism: Robert Smith and Nick Skelton had contrasting fortunes in the Olympia show jumping championships Page 20

change of plan ...

5, 26, 35, 38, 42, 45. Borrus: 46. ... One ticket won a £10.3 million jackpot: 20 won £158,977 for five num-£1,853 for five numbers: 65,601 won

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Provious. The greatest one-man show of the 19th century - An audience with Charles Dickens (BBC2 8.00pm). "A television treat", says Matthew Bond of Tony Bennett's New York Page 35

Pots and kettles

Tony Blair and Gordon Brown must make up their minds about taxes. The sooner they do so, the better for Britain

Nation of shopkeepers For three years American foreign policy has been organised around the primacy of economics. President Clinton's Asian tour rein-

forced this trend Page 15 **Grouse for Christmas**

The real joy of Christmas is neither giving nor receiving, but complaining. Perthshire's finest whisky is not the only famous grouse which should be indulged _____ Page 15

MICHAEL GOVE

While other households may unwind with Cluedo or Happy Families, politicians will shy away from games that depend on skulduggery. Instead, MPs will indulge themselves by playing Pantasy Cabinet...

MATTHEW PARRIS

The elevation of pity is psychologically inseparable from the elevation of self-pity. Both are dominant themes in our tabloid press and in the news values of our broadcast media. Populism - the self-worship of the little man - is horribly tangled with self-pity and

Geoffrey Morton; Palestine police; Maria Donska; pisnist; Air Vice-Marshal Peter Ward Page 17

Ethical concerns in healthcare law: prison population; Royal Acade- 🛡 my's problems; preserving historical archives...

span's Prime Minister, Ryutaro Hashimoto, who has promised to sweep away barriers to competition throughout the Japanese economy, out the foreign pressure that Japan loves to hate - Washington Post

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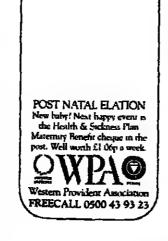
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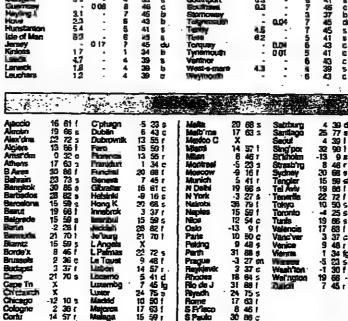
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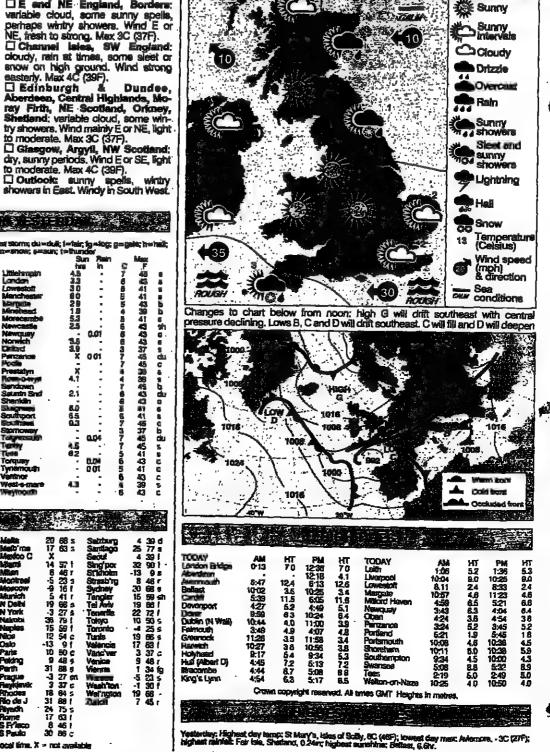
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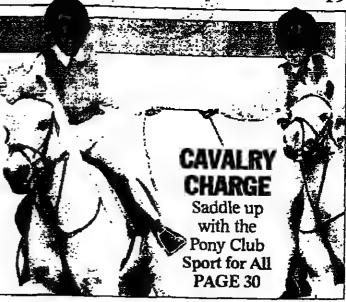
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Michael Henderson opens a series on the best days of this great sporting year PAGE 28



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TIMES SPORT

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ZIMBABWE'S NEGATIVE BOWLING EARNS DRAMATIC



Knight, at full stretch, makes an unavailing attempt to reach a ball wide of his off st. ump as the Test in Bulawayo moves towards its thrilling finish. Photograph: Clive Mason / Allsport

England held by wide boys Atherton, looking to cut every-thing, soon dragged the ball

From Simon Wilde IN BULAWAYO

BULAWAYO (final day of five): Zimbabwe drew with

IT WAS one of cricket's best of days and worst of days. The country charm of Queen's Club, Bulawayo yesterday witnessed drams — and the negation of drams — as Eng-land went in frenzied pursuit of 205 runs in 37 overs to win this first Test match and Zimbabwe tried to stop them. not by taking wickets but by denying them the chance to score those runs.

'In a one-day game, this would not have been permitted. The paradox is that the purest form of cricket does not yet con demn such abuses.' .

Alan Lee, page 20

The battle raged right until the end. Rarely does a match scheduled to last 30 hours though this game was in fact cut by two hours through rain - come down to the last intended ball, but that is what happened here. Test cricket cannot have seen many days like it.

In the end denial won the day by the narrowest possible margin when Nick Knight, who battled away throughout England's innings — desperately trying to marry the conventional to the unconventional, for 96 from 118 balls failed to his the last intended ball from Streak - one of his straighter ones - for three.

By driving it to Carlisle on the cover boundary. Knight

was easily able to gather two runs with Gough, his partner, but the third was never on and Knight was run out by a country mile. "I hit it out of the middle of the bat," Knight said "but it didn't seem to go." It seemed to disappear into the grass. The scores thus finished level — the third time in 1,345 Test matches that this has

happened. As the hot afternoon wore on the temperature within everyone's head rose, but never boiled over. There was scope for inflammatory ges-tures but none was forthcoming, perhaps because this was Bulawayo rather than Bombay, Brisbane or Bridgetown. But rarely can 2,500 people have made more noise in a cricket ground, farmers and hunters making themselves heard just as capably as the barmy army.

But the tension showed. One of the more passionate people on the ground, David Lloyd the England coach, left his players to pace the boundary edge while one of the least loquacious, Michael Atherton, the England captain, sat glued to the television monitor in the team tent. But after the game, within the space of a few minutes, Lloyd referred to Streak as one of the world's best opening bowlers and of being incapable of hitting a garage door. It was that sort of

Zimbabwe's tactics will attract widespread criticism in England (though not, publicly at least, by the England team here) but it is only right to give due credit to all the positive cricket that was played and the fact that, in the end, England were cheated more by time rather than by Zimba-

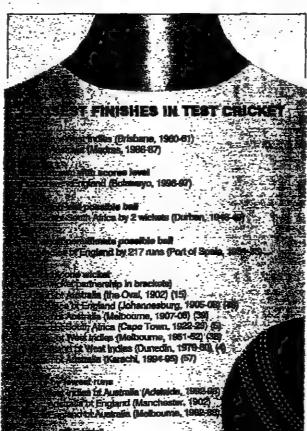
It was indeed the home side that began the day with such enterprise, despite resuming on 107 for five, a lead of only 77. Robust half-centuries from Waller (on his debut) and Whitall winded England, who laboured three hours 20 minutes to claim the remaining five wickets, with at least one chance - Knight, close in, dropped Paul Strang early in

his innings — going begging. England then responded in kind, never questioning that the stiff challenge that faced them in the fourth innings was one they should try to meet. Knight signalled their intentions by executing an extraor-dinary smash-pull in the first over against Streak. Although

from Olonga into his stumps. Stewart came out with all guns blazing, as belits a man who has not failed in a Test innings for six matches. Campbell soon settled on his two slow bowlers, Paul Strang and Grant Flower. who is no more than a part-

time practitioner of left arm, as the best means of stifling the scoring, essentially

through the spoiling tactic of attacking the batsman's legs. Even so, England reached the halfway point of their 37 overs ahead of the game, at 106 for one, and, with ten



overs remaining, the score was 146 for one. Only 59 more were needed and the fields had long since betrayed Zimbabwe's lack of interest in attack, though that ought to have been their best hope of salvation. Grim defence was the

to reach it.

Umpire Robinson, stretch-

ing even the generous inter-pretation of the "wide" rule

used in Test cricket, judged it

Lloyd, though, said: "We hammered them in this

match, and they know it. It

finished up with nine fielders

on the boundary edge — they were murdered. They were not

in this game, and with one more ball we would have won

it. The tactics they employed, however, were within the laws of the game."

lieved Lloyd's comments were

"adrenalin driven". He said:

If he wants to believe they

murdered us then fine, but as

far as I was concerned it was a

good game of cricket. Sure, we

used negative tactics in the final session, but you don't just

Knight tacitly supported

him by saying that England

would have done the same

thing had the roles been

reversed. But it was ironic that

while Zimbabwe's actions was

beyond sensure, England had

deservedly been upbraided

only the previous day by the

match referee, Hanumant

Singh, for running towards

the umpire "in a chorus of

There were times yesterday.

when the Zimbabwe tail was

frustrating them, that they

came perilously close to a

repeat and thus a financial

penalty; In the final analysis,

would have been an

throw a Test match away.

Campbell said that he be-

order of the day. Nevertheless Knight and Stewart were of necessity running grave risks and eventually Stewart, having struck 73 from 75 balls, miscued an attempt to swot Strang to leg again and skyed a catch to Campbell.

Later in the over, Hussain made room to cover drive and chipped into the hands of Carlisle. England had lost momentum, 49 were wanted from seven overs, they were now behind the game and, as Lloyd said, "we knew what

After Strang's final over had gone for 11, what was coming came in the form of the seamers, Streak and Whitall, playing cat and mouse with the batsmen, firing one ball down the leg side, another down the off. Streak was not slow in exercising his liberal right to throw in bouncers. Knight resorted to guessing as to where the next ball might be directed.

It was not - realistically could not — be enough. By the time the last two overs remained to be bowled, Crawley and Thorpe had perished and 21 runs were still required. Of the last 12 find-me-if-you-can balls two were not scored from, four produced singles, five twos and one a six clipped off his pads over the square-

Coming from the third ball of the final over that shot briefly rekindled England's hopes and the next ball played a large part in extinguishing them, Streakbowling so far

Bargain New Year Breaks in London outside off stump that Knight's nearly fell over trying

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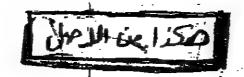
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Test finish extends Sky's run of good fortune

ortune is certainly smil-ing on Sky Sports at the moment. First Evander Holyfield sees off Mike Tyson, then Tim Henman makes it to the semi-finals of the ATP Challenge Cup and yesterday. for two glorious hours, it looked as if England might at last manage to win an overseas Test match.

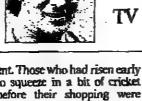
The fact that they did not matters not at all from a television point of view. By then we had enjoyed the most exciting finish to an overseas Test match shown live on British television. Rising to the occasion, the camera operator managed the impossible with Nick Knight's final six, tracking the ball from the second that it left his bat until it completed its glorious arc somewhere underneath a Bu-

Finding the occasion all too

much, Ian Botham preferred to keep his stronger comments off-microphone, little realising that they were still just about audible. The gist was, as Heath's Streak penultimate delivery thundered a yard outside Knight's off stump. that he was sorry, but that ball was definitely a wide. Quite emphatic, he was. The umpire. however, disagreed and so the match was drawn.

What an afternoon and what a contrast to so much of what gone before. As the excellent Mark Nicholas said. perhaps it was reward for all those hours of "rather more retrenchent cricket we had sat through. I am not entirely sure that retrenchent is a word, but as a concept it describes exactly the tedium of late Saturday morning.

day morning was quite differ-



MATTHEW BOND TV ACTION REPLAY

ent. Those who had risen early to squeeze in a bit of cricket before their shopping were met with the modern equivalent of blank screens - highlights of yesterday's play. That was my fault, I am afraid. You see, on Friday, I rang

Sky to find an explanation for the "hiccups" that have been regularly interrupting the commentary and freezing the from Bulawayo. Some sort of satellite problem, they thought, pointing out that this was the first live outside

that at least it was not like the old days, when live satellite Is Colvile sulking? He is not, pictures were prone to disappearing for hours on end. Ah. the old days, my, how we laughed. On Saturday morning the pictures disappeared

Harare is also where we bid a temporary farewell to Charles Colvile, for so long Sky's front man on overseas tours and its noisiest commen-

for almost 90 minutes. Appar-

ently, more equipment is on its

way to improve the satellite

link in time for the Test in

Harare, from Boxing Day.

sibilities have largely been transferred to the mediafriendly Nicholas, while his commentary shifts are shared between a team that for the first time consists entirely of former cricketers - David Gower, Ian Botham, Paul Allott. Bob Willis and, for the African part of this tour, Mike

Until he returns to London to host the satellite network's coverage of India's tour of the West Indies, he is content to patrol the boundary, accompanied by a camera and roving microphone. So, when the page slows on the field -- and my how it has slowed at times - Sky can cut away from the picture provided by the Zim-babwe Broadcasting Corporation and take in Colvile's

and John Emburey and perfectly ridiculous interviews with the likes of the scoreboard operators. Still, it is all atmosphere, I suppose, and. contrary to the evidence of yesterday afternoon, that was a commodity in short supply for much of the match.

The commentary team may be all former cricketers, but it is probably the strongest that Sky has fielded on an overseas tour, with nobody trying his hand for the first time. After several summers with the BBC, Gower is probably the pick of them, as relaxed as ever but more than capable of disagreeing with the umpires when the channel's own super slo-motion cameras reveal -as they did time and again that a decision was wrong. Must be all those hours with Geoff Boycott, I suppose.

Neale finds credit in 'frustrating draw'

ENGLAND'S under-19 cricketers are one up with one to play after the second match against the counterparts from Pakistan faded into a draw in Sheikhupura yesterday. England were on top for most of the match, but ran out of time after Pakistan had avoided the follow-on. The highlight of England's second innings was an 87 by David Nash before they declared on 205 for nine, 565 runs ahead.

However, a tired attack failed to trouble Pakistan, who had made 100 for one in 26 overs before the captains agreed a draw. Phil Neale, the England manager, was satisfied, nevertheless. "It was a frustrating draw in which we dominated the game, but, because of a flat pitch and time constraints, we were unable to force victory," he said. "It was still a creditable performance."

Bledsoe rallies Patriots

AMERICAN FOOTBALL: Drew Bledsoe helped New England Patriots to rally from a 22-point deficit to beat New York Giants 23-22 in the National Football League on Saturday. He threw for 301 yards and two touchdowns to earn a first-round bye as the second-seeded team in the American Conference play-offs behind Derver. It was a victory for Bill Parcells, the Patriots coach of four years, in his first return to Giants Stadium, where he also coached. "Everybody knows how I feel." Parcells said. "I grew up just up the street here, so this is a home away from home."

Timely win for Gourlay

BOWLS: David Gourlay, right, the world indoor champion, gave himself the perfect boost before setting off for Preston next month to defend his title when he won the Taylor (Bowls) Bicente nary challenge at Dumbar-ton yesterday, beating Graham Robertson 21-20. It was Gourlay's first victory over Robertson, the threetime Scottish Masters win-



Britain out of Olympics

ICE HOCKEY: Great Britain's ice hockey team will not be going to the Winter Olympics in Japan in 1998. British hopes of qualifying for the first time in 50 years were ended when Switzerland heat Denmark 8-1 at home last night to overtake Britain and win the group, thus qualifying for an eight-team competition in Austria and Germany in February, from where the top five progress to the Games in Nagano.

Prock sets course record

LUGE: Markus Prock, of Austria, posted his third victory of the season and extended his World Cup lead when he set a course record in the two-race event at Königsee, in Germany, yesterday. Prock clocked a record 47.726sec in the second race for a winning aggregate of lmin 35.632sec. Duncan Kennedy, of the United States, who led after the first run with 47.797sec, was second with lmin 35.662sec.

Price eyes another title

BOWLS: John Price, the defending CIS Welsh indoor singles champion, defeated David Wilkins, his outdoor counterpart, 21-14 in a first round match of high quality at the Afan Lido, Port Talbot, yesterday. Price, seeking to win the title for the fifth time in succession, went on to book his place in the quarter-finals with a 21-8 win over Gwynnant Ellis, of Bro Ddyfi, and will play Rodney Trousdale.

Tendulkar in the groove

CRICKET: Sachin Tendulkar, right, stroked a confident 62 as his India team enjoyed a satisfactory workout on the second day of their rain-affected three-day tour opener against Eastern Province at Port Elizabeth, South Africa, yesterday. In-dia's top six batsmen all enjoyed useful time at the crease before Tendulkar declared their first innings on



Fight for curving

Faiers ends Turner run

SAILING: Adrian Faiers and Taeping have won the fourth leg of the Clipper % race from Panama to the Galapagos Islands. Faiers, 27, the youngest skipper in the eight-boat fleet, beat Ras Turner's Ariel, which had won each of the first three legs. The fifth leg, which will take in a 4,000-mile stretch across the Pacific Ocean to Hawaii, begins

Holiday takes chance

BOXING: Philip Holiday, of South Africa, retained his International Boxing Federation lightweight title with a unanimous decision over Ivan Robinson, of the United States, in Uncashville, Connecticut. All three judges had Holiday winning comfortably, with scores of 116-107, 117-111 and 118-110. "I'm excited about this victory," Holiday said. "It gave me a chance to make a name for myself."

Zimbabwe's tactics highlighted wide abuse

match in which one extra run would have altered the result will have provoked a prolonged session of agonising in the England dressing-room last night. There will also have been some righteous indignation over the tactics used by the opposition and the interpretation of them by the umpires. So long as England do not try to plead that they would have reacted differently in Zimbabwe's position, they

This was a game that looked, for much of its course. to be going nowhere. Once it adopted a definite direction. the momentum was so forceful that one team had little choice but to fall back on methods designed purely to restrict and frustrate. A thrilling finish resulted despite the exclusively defensive intentions of half the players involved. This is a frequent anomaly of one-day cricket but in that arens, regulations have been tailored to limit the range of negativity and to punish its over-use. Once the dust has settled on a bizarre day in Bulawayo it may be thought that Test cricket, too, needs to sharpen its claws against such

cynicism. The two significant areas involved were the line of the bowling and the set of the field. As England approached a target they had pursued with commendable spirit, if not always with composure, Zimbabwe directed virtually every fieldsman to the boundary and bowled two feet or more outside off or leg stump.

in a one-day game, this would not have been permitted. There, wides are called strictly, sometimes obsessively, and some close fielders must always be retained. The paradox is that the purest form of cricket does not yet condemn such abuses.

Zimbabwe were neither hreaking laws nor using alien tactics. Alistair Campbell, a captain who had increasingly conceded control to his playercoach, David Houghton, predictably said he would defend such methods. He added: Other teams in similar positions have done the same."

that England, with the positions reversed, would faithfully have followed such familiar, if not quite honourable, patterns and he would have been right. Any team under siege will





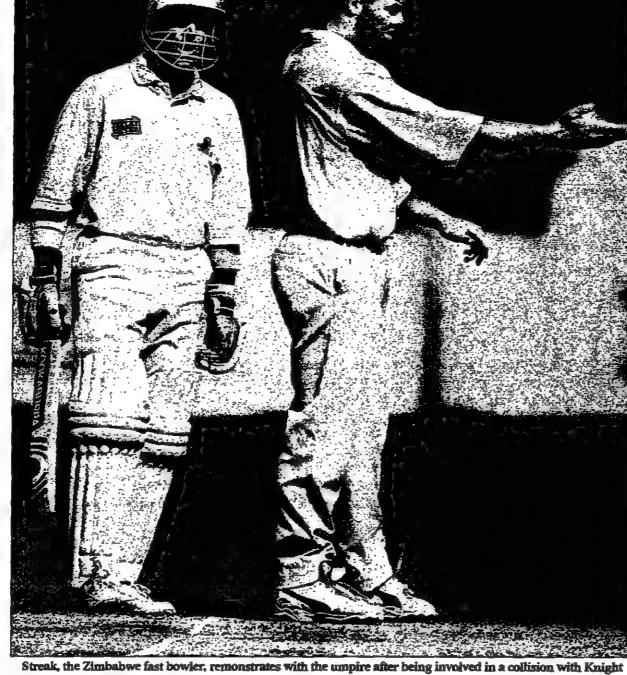
believes regulations need amendment

bend the rules to their limit, until those who adjudicate take action. In Test cricket. there is only a certain amount the umpires are empowered to do. There ought to be more. But those standing in Bulawayo chose to do nothing.
Of all the deliveries that

might have been called wide and were not, none will have infuriated England more than the ball Heath Streak speared past Nick Knight in the final over. Knight, who had not moved away to leg, flailed at full stretch outside off stump and was physically unable to make contact. No matter the form of the game, this consti-tutes a wide ball. Yet Ian Robinson, the local umpire, remained mute, motionless, inscrutable. It was a weak piece of umpiring that probably prevented England

Whether they deserved to win is another issue entirely. At times, especially on Saturday. England were themselves too tentative when a more enterprising approach might have asserted earlier control. They will look back and gnash teeth over that, too, but for those who guard the conduct concern is not the result but how it was achieved.

There is a pressing, perennial need to promote the good advertise how and why it is a superior product to the briefer. instant version. The future prosperity of the game depends upon this but it is very hard to be convincing on the matter when teams in trouble are allowed to retreat into the use of such murky methods. quite without penalty.



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EQUESTRIANISM: FORMER WORLD CUP WINNER GOES TO MEXICAN BILLIONAIRE

Dollar Girl sale saddens Skelton

By Jenny MacArthur

ROBERT SMITH and Nick Skelton, of Great Britain, met with contrasting fortunes at the Olympia showjumping championships as the five-day show drew to a close. While Smith was savouring his first success in a World Cup qualifier, Skelton learnt that his top horse, Dollar Girl, the winner of the 1995 World Cup, had been sold to the Mexican billionaire, Alfonso Romo

Skelton, who finished fifth in the qualifier on Saturday, was told the news by the mare's Swiss owner, Joe Haller, immediatley after the prizegiving. "It was the first I knew of it," Skelton, red-eyed, said yesterday. "I was told that she had been given to Alfonso as a brood mare - but I've learnt since that she has been coaxing the best out of an

the retirement bit, but to lose her as well is devastating. I wasn't even given the opportunity of buying her myself." Skelton, who said the mare

is "the best and the kindest horse he has ridden, took over the ride in 1992 when Haller, who was unavailable for comment yesterday, re-

Olympia results

moved her, equally abruptly, from the yard of the Thomas Fuchs, the Swiss rider. Although Skelton's partnership with her started inauspiciously, when they were eliminated

in the Barcelona Olympics. there have been few other aberrations. Smith underlined his skill at

older horse with his superb win in the World Cup qualifier on Tees Hanauer. Although Smith has won three grand prix with the 16-year-old gelding this year, the win on Saturday was his first success in a qualifier since the World Cup began in 1979.

Only eight out of the 30 that started reached the jump-off, in which Helger Wulschner. of Germany, on Prinz Oldenburg, set the standard with a faultless opening round. Michael Whitaker, of Brit-

ain, on Virtual Village Ashley. then gave a superb display of horsemanship to go clear more than two seconds inside the German's time. Ludo Philippaeris, of Belgium, replied with an even faster round on Trudo King Daron. finishing in 32.53 seconds. When Peter Charles, on La Ina, Skelton, on Dollar Girl. Priamos, ali made mistakes in their attempts to match his time. Philippaerts began to scent victory.

Avoiding the short-cut to the third fence - where Charles and Beerbaum had both made their mistakes -Smith, the last to go, rode the round of a lifetime to finish in a time of 31.95 seconds. Looking up at the clock, the 35-yearold Yorkshireman threw both arms in the air in delight.

It was not until the final day that Michael Whitaker recorded his first success of the show, when he and Virtual Village Elton won The Father Christmas Stakes. Whitaker, whose third place on Saturday has qualified him for the World Cup final in April, relegated Beat Mandli, of Switzerland, on Galant, to second place.

vowed to treat every race like an Olympic final between now

and glory in Sydney 2000, James Hickman raised a few eyebrows in Sheffield yesterday as he swam well inside world record pace on his way to the British short-course 400 metres individual medley record and title. Already in possession of three butterfly titles, over 50,

100 and 200 metres, and having lowered the 100 metres record in the qualifying heat and final, Hickman was expected to be well up after the first 100 metres, on butterfly. The gap, however, was brutally wide, Hickman, 20, from Stockport having split 57,15sec — 0.76sec inside the world record pace of Jani Sievinen,

There was never any chance that Hickman, in the midst of

EVEN for someone who has heavy training, would stick to Sievinen's flying standard, but the fast start set him up for victory in 4mins 16.61sec. 0.02sec inside the four-yearold record of Grant Robins and 2.28sec ahead of Ben Lafferty, of Leeds. "That hurt," a tired Hickman said. He will take only two days out of training over the festive season before heading out to Australia on New Year's Day

for three weeks' training. True to his passion for success, Hickman was looking beyond Christmas for his wishes, saying: "I'm looking forward to getting my head down and getting some hard work in." Once in Canberra, that will mean up to 75 kilometres a week in water.

The source of Hickman's motivation flows in part from . his experience in the 200 metres butterfly at the Olym-

pic Games, where he swam a faster heat (a British record) than final because of the way he attacked his qualifying swim. His creed since has been to race hard at every opportunity.

SWIMMING: STOCKPORT OLYMPIAN COMPLETES QUARTET OF BRITISH TITLES IN STYLE

Hickman hurries to third record

The man behind such enthusiasm is Dave Calleja, the coach to Hickman, Graeme Smith and Vicky Horner, the

Sheffield results

winner of the women's 400 metres freestyle yesterday. Smith, the bronze medal-winner in the 1,500 metres freestyle in Atlanta and winner of the 400 metres freestyle title in Sheffield on Saturday in a Scottish record of 3mins 48.85sec, will not travel to Australia with Calleja and Hickman because of his aca-

demic commitments at Manchester University, where he is reading accountancy. Calleja believes that Smith may delay his final year to concentrate on his swimming if lottery funding is sufficient to provide a financial security blanket. Officials have given top swimmers the impression that they may receive £28,000

in annual funding. That would mark a drastic sea change in swimming. Hickman yesterday complained that he would leave the championships with just £700 in prize-money but nothing for his records. Had he been Welsh, he would have

earned an extra £750. "Graeme will get something from Scotland for his record in the 400 metres [freestyle] and the Weish get money too - the English get nothing." Master goalkeeper marks 1,000th league appearance with a clean sheet and much-needed win bonus

Shilton celebrates three zeroes and a nil

his life. It is not that Peter Shilton got them the other way round: rather, he put both talent and genius into his art, the great and mysterious art of goalkeeping, and has always had very little of either left for real life.

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He played his 1,000th league game yesterday, turn-ing out for Leyton Orient against Brighton - not quite the most distinguished fixture of a distinguished sporting life, but he kept a clean sheet as Orient won 2-0, so that was all right. There is always a good chance that a goalkeeper will make a grand occasion memorable with some disaster or other, but Shilton was given a calm and peaceful afternoon on which to make history. For, really, 1,000 games is an awful

It is not only something that no one has ever done before, it is also unlikely that anyone will do it again. Unlikely that anybody will want to; unlikely

Wimbledon walloped 22 Proud Pearce Rampant Rangers ...

that anyone will need to. Shilton was keen, extremely keen, to stress that this was a sporting achievement, and that the rest of his life was irrelevant. His minder stressed afterwards that only football questions would be answered. No, we need not mull over the various disasters that Shilton has suffered and created in the part of his life that he has lived life away from his art.

But disasters have a knack of staying in the mind. That's life, and that's goalkeeping. Indeed, Shilton's entire theory of goalkeeping is based on the notion that every goal conceded is "a personal disaster":

He would have had his work cut out to make any kind of disaster yesterday afternoon. If all games were as peaceful, he would have no trouble at all in playing another couple of thousand. Shilton will talk of save-less afternoons that he has finished exhausted and dripping with



on a record that may never be broken

sweat, so intense has been the energy he has poured into the match: watching, shouting, organising, commanding. This was not such an after-

noon. In fact, it was 25 minutes before he touched the ball in open play, an occasion that was suitably cheered. There really was not a save to make: a couple of punches from corners, and one headlong gather at the feet of McDonald. And that was about the

Shilton has played in 125 internationals, and Orient are not the best team behind which he has played. It is a long way from the Premier ship down here. The football on offer was — let us be kind — really not specially good. For a while it seemed that

Rust, the Brighton goalkeeper, might steal the show with a Tomaszewski-like performance, but the charmed life of the first half was not to last. Orient went ahead on the hour when Naylor poked the ball home after the Brighton defence got in a tangle. Ten minutes later, Naylor was brought down by Parris and scored himself from the penalty. There are goalkeepers who would have sprinted up the pitch to take the penalty themselves, but Shilton is not of their number. His religion is professionalism; his technique

What, at the age of 47, is he doing it for? Love, perhaps also something of Steve Redgrave's noble folly. Oh - and money. Shilton's personal life has managed to include all the



Rare concern for Shilton on a calm but historic day. "If all games were as peaceful, he would have no trouble playing another couple of thousand."

footballing man is prone to: marital strife, drinking, finanacial mismanagement, gambling. Perhaps, giving himself no outlet for folly in his professional life, which has always been based on the notion of utter dependability, he felt it necessary to embark on every humdrum act of folly

earning three times as much. as Margaret Thatcher, but he went on to know the repossession man. He has been peritioned for bankruptcy. The

he has debts of £448,000, and his 38 creditors agreed in October to give him more time to pay. So to say that he needs the money is to understate the

Goalkeeping is not a battle for him, it is part of a strange and terrible struggle towards the ever-receding goal of sol-vency. The turbulent strife of the third division must be strangely peaceful, a lovely interlude amid the turmoil of his finanscial disasters.

Shilton is, or was, a wonder ful goalkeeper: and a deeply unlucky man. His predecessor as England goalkeeper, Gor-

don Banks, is always remembered for That Save from Pelé. Shilton has made many wonderful saves, yet he is best remembered for his error of 1973, when Domarski scored for Poland (in Tomaszewski's match) and kept England out of the 1974 World Cup finals. His second most memorable moment was, of course, Maradona's "Hand of God"

goal. Shilton's final international appearance was marked by his mazy dribble, a rare, almost unique act of onpitch folly that allowed Baggio to score. Goalkeepers are al-

he associated with disaster is their fate. Shilton has had more disasters than most, but only because he has played a great deal more football than in all games of football, there are two scores: the one

occur: that is their function. To

you read in the papers, and the one you keep in your head. This is the knowledge of how you fared in your individual battles against the man or men you most regularly came up against. Whose skill was the greater? Whose will the

keeper in the world when it came to winning these individual battles. He would fill the best strikers in the world with the fear of failure, obsess them with the sense that he was everywhere. Shilton is remembered as a huge man, but he is not. He was able to make himself seem huge by the extraordinary accuracy of his positioning and the sheer strength of his will.

And it is still there, some of it. He wants a manager's job. he says, and he is taking each week as it comes. He cannot remember which was his best

many to choose from. He thinks he could still play in the Premiership. He is getting old. "You think it's going to be there forever," he said. The it hits you. It's not. And you er." For Shilton, there seems to be no escape from the nets he has cast for himself.

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RUGBY UNION

SAILING: SEASONAL SPIRIT SURVIVES AT SEA DESPITE INCREASING RIGOURS OF MASTERING THE GLOBAL CHALLENGE

Fight for survival Christmas landmarks in the middle of nowhere as four face drop

By DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

BRISTOL and Gloucester congestion at the end of the have had their differences of opinion on the field down the years, but, when they meet in the Courage Clubs Championship next Sunday, they will have common ground off the field: they will be united in disapproving of the Rugby Football Union's (RFU) decision that four clubs will automatically be relegated from the first division at the end of

Their views will be shared by London Irish and West Hartlepool, who will be striving on Saturday to break the losing streak that has both of them enmeshed at the foot of the table, alongside Orrell, with only one league victory to their credit. Indeed, the deci-

> Referee's burden 26 Sale survive

sion taken by the RFU's competitions sub-committee will alarm any club in the bottom half of the division.

It is not the first time that competition rules have been changed or confirmed midway through a season -relegation from the first division last season was suspended at a very late stage - and it is no surprise that it should have happened now. At the start of the season there was talk of only the second division champions being sure of promotion, and a play-off for the runners-up against the ninthplaced team in the first division, but that idea has been

The competitions committee took the decision that a Wales cap).

season would not allow time for play-offs," Tony Hallett, the RFU secretary, said yesterday. So the top two in the second division, positions occupied at the moment by Richmond and Newcastle, will be promoted and there will be extra zip in the stride of Coventry, the third-placed club, when they meet Richmand this weekend.

The anomaly has been created by the requirement, agreed before the start of the season, to reduce the first division from 12 clubs to ten next season while there will be 14 clubs in each of the second and third divisions. The aim is to ensure greater competition throughout the top flight rather than having some of the mis-matches that have occurred this season, clubs such as Orrell and West Hartlepool

suffering particularly badly. The counter-argument comes from those clubs in no other sides are buying foreign players, I find it absolutely counterpart at Bristol, added: What it is saying is that, if you haven't got a £1.5 million

month at sea on the second leg of the BT Global Challenge, some taste remains and it was

position to buy their way out of trouble. We are trying to promote English rugby and players and, when all those staggering, Richard Hill, the director of rugby at Glouces-ter, said. Alan Davies, his playing budget, then tough." Both make the point that the England management would

rather than those from over-

seas (though Bristol's early-

season purchases included

two Ireland internationals and

quickly removed by the owner before it could be float-tested by the rest of the crew.

ed-up with the pre-Christmas build-up? Are the kids driving you mad with their when is it? and "I wonder if Santa will Christmas but the scale will probably be weather dependent. We seem to get a day or two of reasonable weather not get away from it all and followed by a day of gales. We should start to see an im-

> In the bowels of the bilges, in an area known as the fridge, are two vacuum-packed sausage-shaped items marked Christmas turkey, which, together with pow-dered potato and freeze-dried peas, promises to be a treat

As Christmas approaches, the crew's thoughts are, to some extent, with those left behind and, to wile away the hours spent sitting in the dog house waiting to go on deck, Vacuum-packed turkey

holds the promise of a fine festive treat

for James Capstick

the talk is more and more of Christmases we have had and what we would do if we were at home now.

Although I am the only crewman with a young family. in some ways it is maybe slightly easier for me as my wife, Tracey, and our three children are somewhere in New Zealand, hopefully having the time of their lives. Having said that, it's still a magic moment on Christmas morning (even if it is 4am) to see the boys faces as they come in to tell you Santa has

Global Challenge

The way we are going at the moment we hope to be in Wellington before the new rear and I will be reunited with my family, which is going to be great and, given the time of year and what we have been through over the past few weeks, will be the highlight of the entire trip for

Looking back, even before it is finished, the leg has been tough. We had sight of a recent critical article about the Challenge. It was written by a woman whose name I can't remember, but apparently

she's a yachting journalist. In it she suggests, by way of a criticism, that the Challenge has become like a television soap opera. If, by that, she means it's real life, warts and all, then perhaps she's more in tune with what we're doing than I had at first thought, as

there have indeed been real

problems on some of the

Our immediate concern aboard Ocean Rover is arriving in Wellington with the boat in one piece. Since Concert lost her mast and several other yachts have found problems with their rigs, we have been checking ours. On Saturday, Paul Bennett, our skipper, went up the mast and found that our forestay had in fact developed a crack and would have to be removed,

The sea gods were good to us and we found ourselves in a calm sen. Having braced the mast as best we could, we removed the forestay. Some seven hours later, by this time in darkness, we hoisted full sail and were back in the race: It was a typical Ocean Rover, team effort to achieve this, but special mention should go to John Hirsh, who spent several hours swinging about at the top of the mast doing a

very physically demanding All aboard Ocean Rover would like to wish everyone, especially those connected with the Challenge, a merry Christmas and a happy new year and, if we could have one wish, it would be for all the boats and crews to come in safe and sound to Wellington. and hopefully fixed, before it

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bring ...?" Not looking for-

ward to the duty visit to those

distant relatives? Then why

join us aboard Ocean Rover.

from land, which is probably

as far away from anywhere that you can get. We know Christmas is coming because

we have a calendar and only

the other day one of the crew,

Len, produced a CD of his favourite Christmas party songs, which included such

and Itsy Bitsy Teeny Weeny

Yellow Polka Dot Bikini. It is

nice to see that, despite a

acs as The Birdie Song

We are about 2,000 miles

CROWNING : GREAT GAMES

Simon Barnes continues day of the sporting year by recalling the man with the golden shoes. echo to the hilt that English players need encouragement

WORD GAMES Test your knowledge with the prize Jumbo SKIING

Swiss pair on top of podium

but slipped to tenth place

overall as he lost his balance

MICHAEL von Gruenigen beat Steve Locher, his Swiss team-mate, into second place by 0.77sec in the World Cup giant slalom on the steep Grand Risa course at Alta Badia, Italy, yesterday. Von Gruenigen, 27, was the fastest competitor in both runs for a winning combined time of

2min 32.66sec. It was Von Gruenigen's first victory of the season, and the eighth of his career. He had finished second, third and sixth in the three previous World Cup giant statoms this

Locher, who trailed his learn-mate by 0.02sec after the first run, finished in 2min 33,43sec. Matteo Nana, of Italy, produced his best World Cup giant statem performance and nearly fell halfway down the second run. Warm temperatures and ever to finish third, 1.49sec behind Von Gruenigen. It was

poor snow conditions brought about the cancellation of the some consolation for the Italwomen's World Cup giant ian supporters in the absence slalom in Morzine, France, of Alberto Tomba, a four-time winner at Alta Badia, whose yesterday. It was the fourth long recuperation after a fall race to be cancelled in the past in training continued. ten days. Hans Knauss, the World

After a delayed start, Inter-national Ski Federation offici-Cup leader, was the first Austrian to finish. He came als stopped the race when Barbara Merlin, of Italy, befourth, improving his placing after the first run by five came the third of the top 19 positions, and increased his racers to fall. With fog delead in the overall standings, scending, they decided to canwhere he now has 421 points. cel the event rather than wait Thomas Grandi, of Canada, any longer. The next race is in finished sixth in the first run Austria next weekend.

Results, page 31 Worrell Trophy. Courtney way," Mushtaq said.

CRICKET

Campbell century lifts West Indies morale

SHERWIN CAMPBELL hit a century to steer West Indians to a psychologically important six-wicket win over Victoria at Wangaratta yesterday, four days before the start of the

third Test. Campbell, one of the few batting successes of the tour, was unbeaten with 112 as his side reached their target of 216. Jimmy Adams pulling Brad Stacey, the leg spinner, for four to finish the match 30

minutes before tea. West Indies, 2-0 down in the five-match Test series, must win at Melbourne to retain a chance of regaining the Frank from here we can only go one

Walsh, their captain, was a happier man after the win yesterday, which was set up by lan Bishop and Kenny Benjamin, the fast bowlers, who shared six wickets in the Victoria second innings.

By contrast, Mushtag Mohammad, the Pakistan coach, called for his players to re-evaluate their commitment in the wake of their defeat hy an innings and 69 runs by Tasmania in Hobart, where they were dismissed for 67 in their second innings on Saturday, losing inside three days. . "We've hit the bottom now,

FOOTBALL: WIMBLEDON ARE LEFT IN TATTERS AS THEIR UNBEATEN RUN IS BROUGHT TO AN UNCEREMONIOUS END

Milosevic trump card in Villa's nap hand

Wimbledon ...

By ROB HUGHES FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

THE fascination with football is its eternal ability to confound. Wimbledon travelled to the Midlands yesterday, cocky in their self-belief, riding a sequence of 19 league and cup games without defeat, secure in the estimation of Joe Kinnear, their manager and team builder, that they possess £50 million-worth of talent in one line-up. Aston Villa became the myth busters.

After a clueless half-hour, Villa ran riot and on top of the five goals they scored, they also had three efforts disallowed for offside. Had they counted, the rout of Wimble-don would have been even greater than that two seasons ago when Villa won 7-1.

And yet, Villa's supporters are not dail. Yesterday's attendance was well below the recent 39,000 visitors to Villa Park, the home fans staying

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away in anticipation of a dull match with Villa scarcely able to conjure up a goal a game Wimbledon conceding only seven in eight away matches in the FA Carling Premiership.

On top of that, the shops were open this Sunday before Christmas ... and who could blame Villa supporters if they preferred to see Zoia caress the ball here for Chelsea on Boxing Day than to see Vinnie Jones do what he does?

Little did anyone suspect that we were to witness a Villa record of five successive Premiership wins. The chill factor, it was -7Cin the wind, seemed to seep into the players' minds; both teams were playing miserly football, with Wimbledon contriving to squeeze the lifeblood out of the occasion by defending with two solid walls of four defenders in front of Sullivan.

Villa had so much of the ball, but so little wit and invention, so little imagination in terms of using the spaces on the flanks. They simply played the ball up to the feet of Milosevic and he, for all his control and his ability to hold the ball up, was unable to



Milosevic strides into the penalty area and flicks the ball past Sullivan, the Wimbledon goalkeeper, to score Aston Villa's second goal in their 5-0 victory yesterday

shirts surrounding him. Thus, one volley over the bar from Leonhardsen, one shot curled wide by Draper, and several awesomely long throw-ins from Jones was all that warded off the bitter cold.

In the 37th minute, that changed dramatically. Yorke had, erroneously, been ruled offside when he scored from Taylor's short pass. However, Sullivan's free kick to Cunningham rebounded on Wim-The full back negligently betrayed all the calm defending that had gone before, simply gave the ball back to Yorke and he, one against one with the goalkeeper, gleefully drove the ball into Premiership this season. Four minutes later Milosevic doubled the score. Again Wimbledon co-oper-

ated, again a defender, Perry, provided the through ball, mis-directing his header. Milosevic, who only weeks ago would have transferred to Perugia, had the Italian club paid the agreed price, showed tremendous upper-body strength to hold off the flailing Blackwell and, belying the fact that he had not scored since September 7, almost nonchalantly flicked the ball past Sullivan with the outside of his left boot.

don's intent was exposed, and mesmerised the opposition. ness of Yorke. It was his hard, but yesterday Villa. just after the hour Fernando No surprise, then, that partner who rounded off the worked harder and with a evade the posse of royal blue the net for his ninth goal in the just after the hour Fernando

Nelson, though left ruefully on the turf after running into Jones, began a sweeping fiveman move that led to the third goal. From Nelson's pass Wright, Yorke and Staunton combined and, though Sullivan made a relex stop from Milosevic, Taylor was bestride him to head the ball over the

Briefly Jones became virtuous, attempting an overhead kick from seven yards that bounced tantalisingly the wrong side of a post. Villa. though, were now in the form they showed last season, movon and off the ball with

Milosevic, hearing his name announced over the tannoy as man of the match, scored a shrugged Townsend, his own captain, out of the way to claim the ball, powered for-ward and shot. The ball was deflected in off the foot of Blackwell, and though the

goal, who had the heart yesterday to deprive Milosevic? Deceptively lumbering in stride, and yet with such fine technique with the left foot, Milosevic was the perfect shield for the stealth, the

committee will sooner or later

chalk this one up as an own

scoring in the 86th minute. Once again Milosevic prompt-

His cheeky through ball was anticipated by Taylor. and then Curcic, the substitute for Draper, accepted a pass, chipped the ball into the sixyard box, and Yorke poached the goal. Thus were Wimbledon un-

done. Their barrenness, their inability to change tactics or to release the two sprinters. Ekoku and Gayle, made the past three months, during which they had claimed ten victories in 14 unbeaten Premiership games, look an abso-The grimness of Wimble- nimbleness and self-belief that balance, the refined clusive- lute fallacy. They do work ness of Yorke. It was his hard, but yesterday Villa.

few weeks, during which there are guaranteed full houses at Villa Park, will tell whether the home team, now in fourth place, have real pedigree. They face Chelsea at home, travel to Arsenal and Manchester United, play host to Newcastle United and are then away to Liverpool. After those, Wimbledon and the rout before Christmas will be

more incisive edge. The next

long forgotten. ASTON VILLA (3-5-2): M Boenech — Shiogu, S Staurton (sub: C Tiles, 74roln), Scimeca — F Netscr., I Taylor, M Draps (sub: S Curcic, 79), A Townsend, A Wrigi WIMBLEDON (4-4-2) & Electrical C Ferry (sub. B McAller, 20), A Kimble — N Ardley, R Earle, V Jones, O Leonhardsen — M Grayle, E Bloku.

Cantona made it memorable 12

minutes from time. Just inside the

Sunderland half, with no apparent

escape as terriers such as Ball and

Ord snapped at his heels, finding a

team-mate for a pass looked like a

Instead, a shimmy, some sleight of foot and Cantona had broken free,

leaving two terriers following the

wrong scent, had found McClair and

was running on strongly. McClair's perfectly weighted return pass sent

Cantona past Melville to chip the ball

"I had the perfect view of that from

over Perez and in off the post.

difficult enough ambition.

Zola weaves his magic to leave sad West Ham in a trance

West Ham United .

BY BRIAN GLANVILLE

GIANFRANCO ZOLA said that he should have been warned about Julian Dicks. Dicks, though he did twice save his team in extremis and almost scored with a header, no doubt wished that he had been warned about Zola.

When asked whether he had known of Dicks's formidable reputation, Zola, in his engaging English, said: "I think they could say me that before!"

Whether being forewarned would have enabled Dicks to stop Zola from scoring his marvellous goal is disputable. Zoia, the little Sardinian, came racing in from the right, went inside the challenging Dicks, jinked outside him, left him marconed, and went on to shoot into the left-hand corner of Miklosko's goal

That was after ten minutes and was Chelsea's second goal. "Today I-played a good game." Zola said. "I think I could score more." I think he could. On at least a couple of other occasions he swept through West Ham United's incoherent defence and narrowly missed.

His partnership with Hughes was devastating. "The crowd like him," Ruud Gullit. the Chelsea player-manager, said. "He stole their hearts. I think both strikers were world class. I think they made it very difficult for the opposition."

Harry Redknapp, the West Ham manager, admitted that he had nobody capable of man-marking Zola. You don't give goals away like we did and win football matches," he said. Least of all when you have Zola and Hughes against you, working so dynamically in tandem. So much so that you wonder whether Vialli. when fit again, will be paired with Hughes, when they seem to duplicate rather than comlement one another.

Hughes had his best game for ages. His ability to take the ball with his back to goal, hold

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Zola: marvellous goal

it up and lay it off was shown to perfection. It reminded you how badly Manchester United have missed him since they let him go. He scored twice, after six and 36 minutes, and could,

like Zola, have had more. From Zola's subtle flick. Hughes pivotted and hit a low shot that crept in between Miklosko and the left-hand post. His second was headed in from a long cross from the right by Petrescu; but where was Rieper, where was Bilic? The two tall centre haives were surely obliged to head such

balls away.

Very briefly, West Ham
looked as if they might come back into the game, when Portirio, their little Portuguese player, beat Grodas with a crisp, left-footed shot from the edge of the box to make it 2-1. By and large, though, West Ham simply were not at the

Di Matteo, the Italy international, returned to Chelsea's midfield after some unhappy weeks with club and country and began to look his old, creative self. The question is whether Chelsea, brushed aside by Leeds United and Sunderland, can play this kind of football away from Stamford Bridge, against teams less malleable than

West Ham? "At the start of the season, we were very comfortable away from home - I hope that we can get that back," Gullit, who played at centre back. said optimistically. Zola was optimistic, too. "I think not only the club Chelsea. I think is the problem with other teams, because in England is very, very hard when you go to play outside. You find teams? very strong, very, very physical, very aggressive. But I think if you are organised you

Or if you have Zola. CHELSEA (3-5-2)* F Gradus — R Gullit, S Clarks, M Duberry — D Patresco, C Burley, R Di Matteo, E Newton, N Clarment (such a Myess, Spring) — G Zola, M Hughtes. WEST HAM LINETED (3-5-2)* I, Middesto — M Riseper, S Billio, J Diodes — J Morrout (such a Middeston, 75), I Bishop (such F. Lampard, 23), M Hughes, M Bowen — No. Newski, H Portino Roderee: A Wilde.

Brighton fans bid to extend protest

BRIGHTON supporters are hoping to receive backing from all league clubs for a protest at the home match against Hartlepool United on February 8. In a further move to demonstrate against the way that Brighton, the bottom club in the Nationwide League, is being run, followers are inviting groups of 20 football supporters from all clubs to join them in a united show of support.

It is hoped that they will be able to meet before the game in Hove Park, near the Goldstone Ground, Brighton's home for 95 years, which they must leave at the end of the season. Liz Costa, the vice-chairman

of the Brighton supporters' club, said: "We hope to make this into a festival of football. As well as being a football occasion. it adds weight to our campaign to rid the club of its present directors. The chairman, Bill Archer

has lost every ounce of trust from Brighton fans. He has contradicted everything he has said."

Costa said that, if at least 800 supporters from other clubs responded, it would be significant, and this particular day had been chosen as there were no FA Carling Premiership matches.

Meanwhile, it has become known that stewards at the Goldstone have threatened to walk out should David Bellotti, the chief executive, attempt to watch another match from the directors' box.

Bellotti was hounded out by protesting supporters after only two minutes of Brighton's 3-2 home defeat by Darlington on December 3 and has not watched a match since. Archer has not watched a Brighton match for a year. ☐ Northern Ireland will play

in Palermo on January 22 in an international arranged to give Cesare Maldini, the new Italy coach, his only chance to work with the players before the World Cup qualifying match against England on

United title charge under way with a flourish "I don't normally talk about the to centre half to perform with the Manchester United quiet excellence that is his trade-

By MEL WEBS

justified?

Sunderland

By PETER BALL

THROUGHOUT the autumn Alex Ferguson's stated plan had been for his side to keep ticking away in the FA Carling Premiership while the European Cup Champions' League commanded their attention. The Champions' League over. Man-chester United could then begin their charge in the Premiership.

Unconvincing draws away to West Ham United and Sheffield Wednesday suggested that such hubris might be punished, with turning back to full power domestically not so easy. On

Saturday the charge began. Sunderland, the gritty, determined, high morale Sunderland who drew at Anfield and destroyed Chelsea, were simply outclassed as United rediscovered their joy, none more than Cantona, who capped the afternoon with one of the greatest goals scored at Old Trafford.

opposition," Peter Reid, the Sunderland manager, said afterwards, "but I was really, really impressed. We've had a lesson today."
Yet for half an hour United were as

bad as they had been at Upton Park. with no fluency, and looking totally confused by their defensive plan, with the Nevilles as wing backs and Irwin as one of three central defenders. In the uncertainty, with Brian Kidd standing on the touchline trying to sort things out. nobody was picking up the runs of Rae and Russell saw one shot bend round the post and got in the way of another "For 35 minutes I was thinking If

we can get a goal here, we might have a chance"." Reid said. "Then we were hit by a great attacking display." The formation was amended to the familiar back four, with Irwin at right back and Gary Neville picking up Rae in front of May and Pallister. After the interval, with Pallister worryingly suffering a recurrence of

his back problem, Neville went back

mark. He could be the best second centre half at Old Trafford since Martin Buchan, who he so much

Whether the change in formation





Cantona: stunning goal

back to the tried and tested was the key to the sudden transformation is questionable, but it certainly helped. Until then Giggs had looked the

only United player on song, and he began the dramatic change as he beat Hall and fired over a low centre. Scholes met it with a scorching shot that Perez could only parry. Solskjaer reacted quickest and, with the opening goal, the roof fell in on

Soon Cantona claimed his first Premiership goal since his brace against Nottingham Forest in September, from the penalty spot. Two minutes after the interval Solskjaer showed more determination than Kubicki as he collected Schmeichel's long throw and ran on to claim his

Before the hour Butt had made it four, and the last half hour was like a friendly as both managers, mindful of the demands of the Christmas programme, threw on their substitutes. "At 3-0 it's history, game over,"

However, if the edge had gone,

Pleat drawn to faulty conclusions

where I was sitting, and I was trying to blow it over the bar," Reid said. "If I wasn't the opposition manager, I might say that goal was worth paying to see." MANCHESTER UNITED (3-5-2): P.Schmachel — D. Iwan, D.May, G.Pallister (pubz. B.McClair, 48mn) — G. Nawlie, N. Bud, P. Scholer, R. Glogos (sub. B. Thomley, B.J.): P. Naville — E. Cantona, O. Sobsigiaer (subr. M. Cantona)

SUNDERLAND (4-4-1-1)* L. Perez. — G. Hell, A. Matshile, R. Ord, D. Kubich. — D. Kelly, K. Bal, P. Bracowni (sub. S. Agrew, 63), M. Gray, (sub. M. Bridges, 80) — A. Rale (sub. P. Stawert, 63) — C.

Keegan anxious to get best out of Newcastle

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

KEVIN KEEGAN, the Newcastle United manager, takes his faltering side into battle against Liverpool, the title favourites, tonight, warning: 'Only our best will do.' Keegan knows that nothing short of a five-star performance will halt Liverpool. who would go ten points clear of Newcastle with a victory at St James' Park.

Liverpool are the team of the moment while Newcastle. in fifth place, have gone five Premiership games without a win, gleaning just one point from matches away to Nottingham Forest and Coventry

Keegan believes that Newcastle have played to their full potential only twice this season, in October against Manchester United and Ferencyaros.

"One point from our last two away games is not good enough if we have aspirations to be champions," he said, "That's why Liverpool is such a big game and we'll have to be at our best if we're going to

get anything out of it."

Keegan is under pressure to deliver some silverware after investing so heavily in his squad, but he admits that, unless Newcastle show a dramatic improvement - their last Premiership win was against Middlesbrough at St James' Park on November 3 - their chase for honours could be confined solely to the

Liverpool head for Tyneside bursting with confidence after successive wires over Middlesbrough and Nottingham Forest. They're the form team; they're scoring goals, which is something we are not doing," Keegan said.
"People feel that Manchester United may be concentrating on the European Cup and that we are not quite the team we were last season.

"It's a fair comment on our performances this season and, if I had to knock us out of it, I would say that the championship will come from Liverpool, Arsenal or Aston

demonstrably accurate to rec-ognise the Tottenham goal-keeper's thunderous right Sheffield Wednesday 1 boot, but was it all that Pleat's men had to defend? Not

DAVID PLEAT was at his most cryptic. "One bloke behind our dug-out complained that he couldn't see the game." he said. "I told him to look up." What was Pleat, the Sheffield Wednesday manager, trying to say after an unsatisfactory FA Carling Premiership game at White Hart Lane on Saturday? Discuss, if you will, Mr Plear. terpart, suggested. "All we had to defend was

If each statement contained Neilsen's throw-ins and Walker's kicks from goal," he said. Ah, that was it, he was making some gibe about what he saw as a shortage of attacking options available to Tottenham Hotspur, or at least those

that would cause the slightest bit of danger to the visiting defence - but was Pleat Well yes; but then again, no. It was true that Neilsen, who can throw the ball in a long way with the minimum does Iversen. of effort, caused the odd mo-At times during a raw ment of disquiet in the Wed-

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Neither side played particularly well, but each satisfied its manager enough to earn some guarded praise. "I may be easy to please, but i wasn't unhappy with that," Pleat said. "We made enough chances to win the game, and their goalkeeper had to work harder than ours," Gerry Francis, his Tottenham coun-

an element of whistling against the wind, they were at least guarded enough for both men to preserve their credibility as objective witnesses. Just. The game marked the first home appearance of Steffen

lversen, who did enough to suggest that he and Sheringham might lorge a decent partnership. A possible small problem is that Sheringham likes to lay deep and come through, and so, obviously.

afternoon one appeared to be inviting the other to lead the

way into the opposition penal-ty area. "After you," ... "No, please, you first." It was terribly well-mannered, but it did little to improve Tottenham's chances of breaking through a Wednesday defence in which Des Walker showed no signs of losing pace, despite the steady approach of footballing middle age.

Yet, in spite of all that, Touenham - with Neilsen, their best player, contributing more than just a long throw did produce some neat stuff, albeit that most of it seemed to fizzle out when they moved the ball into the danger zone.

They also earned their manager's disapproval in conceding the lead after 16 minutes. Pembridge's shot on the turn came back to him, and he rapidly slipped the ball left to Notan, the full back, who scored his first goal of the season with a cool, low shot. Neilsen equalised 12 minutes later when Sheringham lobbed the ball, on the volley, onto the head of Iversen, and Neilsen nipped in smartly to

We've got to start getting our noses in front," Francis lead again today. We've got to be taking our chances." True. Tottenham are still not scoring enough goals, and the absence of Armstrong for another six weeks is not helping their CRUSE Anderton, too, is not likely

to return for another two weeks. Both have the incisive qualities that, in this game, Tottenham left hanging on a disregarded peg in a shadowy corner of the boot room. Wednesday? They contin-

ued to fail to live up to the promise of that bright start to the season, but Pleat has them playing to the flickering talent of little Carbone. Then there is their band of drums, trumpets (or, perhaps, cornets) and voices. "Wimbledon wouldn't let them in, and we lost 4-2," Pleat said. They play well but then, so they should when their repertoire seems to consist of only one song.

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Oliver Holt sees Arsenal beaten by a team galvanised into positive action

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the casual autograph hunters and the malingerers jeering lan Wright as he sat morosely on the Arsenal coach had disappeared over Trent Bridge long before Stuart Pearce emerged from the changing rooms into the car park at the City Ground on Saturday night. A reluctant speaker, he muttered a few words before he sank into his BMW. "I think I'll quit now

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while I'm on top, he said.
On top? At the summit would be more like it, flag driven deep into the snow, lank, blond hair blowing in the wind. On Saturday Pearce became a walking one-man football club: caretaker-manager as well as player, captain and supporters favourite. They still idolise him as "Psy-cho", but you can

forget Norman Bates. If his popularity rating scars any higher, it will be right up there Robin Hood's.

His personal triumph in Euro 96, the violent catharris of his successful

penalty in the quarter-final shoot-out against Spain, was one thing. That brought him redemption after his failure six years before against West Germany. On Saturday, he ended another long wait when, in his first same in charge of Nottingham their first FA Carting Premiership victory since the opening day of the season.

His famous fists were in evidence again, not scything through the air as shey did against Spain but denched, whistle blew. Forest had not won for 16 games but, just as Frank Clark had suspected when he resigned as manager last week, the influence of Pearce was enough to take them beyond a team of even

Arsenal's accomplishment. After the 2-1 win, courtesy of two sharply taken goals by Haaland and the depletion of Arsenal after Wright's secondhalf dismissal for foolish retaliation against Jerkan, Pearce gave much of the credit for the win to his predecessor. This one's for the gaffer." he

told Alan Hill, his assistant. In the car park, he even mocked his own contribution, saying that he and his wife had put all the players' names into a hat on Friday night and picked the team that way. "I thought I had quite a good side," he said, "and then I realised I had got

12 players in the team."

The evidence, though, told a The evidence, though, into a different story. Pearce changed the 4-4-2 formation used by Clark to the 3-5-2 favoured by Terry Venables during Euro 96, pushing Copper into midfield to stifle Merson. Forest still look inept in attack and, at times in the in attack and, at times in the first half, Bergkamp and Wright bamboozled their defence with their darting runs and sharp passing, but ulti-mately it paid off.

More than that, there were Clark's assistant also, that Pearce may possess some of the motivational talents of Brian Clough. Before the game there was plenty of straight talk, the promise from the new boss to ignore the off-the-field antics of

his charges as long as they performed on the prich. After the game, Hill said, Pearce went round hugging every

player.
Only Liverpool and Man-chester United had beaten Arsenal this season before Forest managed it on Saturday and, although their victory kept Arsenal from the top of the table, it was not enough to lift Forest off the bottom. There was little euphoria from Pearce, just hard-edged

The boys worked very hard tor me todav." important that I get their backing and today showed me that they were behind me as well as the fans. We have won a match today, but we are still bottom of the league and we have got a lot of work to do.

"Football is a difficult enough game without managing as well, but I am always nervous before a game anyway because my reputation is on the line every time I go out there. I was pleased with the way the tactics worked out and even though Wright getting sent off handed us the game a



bit out there, there was something special about the atmosohere. I could feel it."

hving Korn, the Forest chairman, said that Pearce would remain as caretaker manager until the middle of January, when the situation would be discussed again. There was already speculation last night, though, that Nigel Clough, who has been signed on a month's loan from

Manchester City and played the second half on Saturday, will be installed as Forest's assistant manager when the ownership of the club is re-

solved next month. The introduction of Clough immediately after Wright had capitalised on a dropped catch by Crossley to put Arsenal ahead in the 63rd minute, seemed to add an extra dimension to Forest's play and,

within four minutes, Haaland had equalised after Saunders. playing as a wing back, had outwitted Winterburn and Platt and crossed for Haaland

to sweep home.

Wright became the third Arsenal player to be sent off in successive away games soon afterwards and Haaland sealed the points after a scramble two minutes from the end. There was one last alarm when Merson galloped through the middle on to a Hartson flick, but there was a defender there with a saving tackle, It was Stuart Pearce.

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Winning way to avoid the holiday blues

This is where it gets serious. Liverpool's match against New-castle United this evening is, in many ways, the biggest of the season so far. What it categorically is not, though, is a game in which the championship will be won and lost.

It's almost amusing, but the hype surrounding this game has gone a bit over the top. I suppose it is connected to the two games we played against Newcastle last season, espe-cially our 4-3 win at Anfield, but people are expecting a classic, and they seem to think the winners will emerge as serious favourites for Manchester United's title.

I suspect both managers will be praying for something at the opposite end of the spectrum to last season's match. It may have been exciting, but I don't think it did may be for their think it did much for their health, or for either side in the long run. Newcastle's defeat set them back, and we failed at Coventry City a few days later, which

effectively ended our hopes. From today, we have a game every two or three days until well into January, seven games packed into a little over two weeks. Most of the other teams are the same, and the programme is so intense that

things could go wrong.

A couple of injuries or suspensions, and a team could nosedive into the sort of run that makes it impossible to remain in serious contention. It happened to Liverpool during November last year, and it could happen within the space of a week over Christmas.

The reverse is that a decent run could put a team right in the thick of things going into the new year. Two years ago we won all our games over Christmas and if we do the same again then we could give ourselves a cushion at the top of the table that may prove invaluable later in the season. The Newcastle game is important because it is the first, and it is vital we get off on the right note. A win would be excellent, because it would set us up mentally for what can be a gruelling series of games. It

back of a depressing result. Not that we believe for one second it is going to be anything but a very difficult match. Newcastle's results have not been particularly impressive lately, but that will have no significance at all tonight. They will need no motivation, their crowd will be pumped up and it will be a hell of an atmosphere. They are still the same team that

is far worse going into the

crazy Christmas period on the

thrashed Manchester United. Personally, even though it can be quite intimidating there, I enjoy it immensely. At this level, few players freeze in such an atmosphere, and so it tends to give both sides a lift. McMANAMAN



seasonal thoughts

There is nothing like playing in front of a passionate crowd. because you can't fail to be anything but inspired.

We know that Newcastle will come at us, and create chances because of the tremendous attacking players they have, but we know, too, that we will also create chances, as we have in just about every game this season. The key, I believe, will be our defence. We have scored goals, but let a few soft ones in as well.

It would be some Christmas present to get a result. It is not the best time for a footballer, because you can hardly push the boat out over the holiday period. In fact, it is the first time in eight years that Liver-pool have been at home on Boxing Day, so I will spend Christmas night at home for the first time since I got into the first team.

ormally, it is training on Christmas morning, home for dinner, and then off to catch the coach for a hotel. This year there will still be training, and of course we have to be careful what we eat, but at least I will be able to see the end of that James Bond film that I normally miss.

Not that I am complaining It is something you just accept. I suppose it can be difficult for players with families, because they will hardly see anything of the wife and kids throughout the holiday. Football is a player's life, and everything has to be dedicated to it: diet social life, even holidays.

This year we are top of the table and there is an awful lot at stake over the next few weeks. We are a confident team, and we go into every match believing we can win because such an attitude is vital. We have a positive view of the challenge ahead. If we can emerge in January still top of the table then, it will have been a successful holiday period. So here's hoping for a happy holiday for Liverpool. and for all the readers of this column. Merry Christmas.

Dublin shows way forward

Coventry City2

Ry RICHARD HORSON

AN EVENING watching Cilla. Black may not be everybody's idea of compulsive viewing. but Gordon Strachan, the Coventry City manager, was ready to enjoy his Saturday night in front of the television. We are out of the bottom three and suddenly the world seems a happier place," he said. "For the first time in weeks I can watch Blind Date properly without having to worry about the football."

It seemed a low key celebration, but then again Strachan, although new to management, has enough experience to know that it is far too early in the season to raise a glass and toast survival. On nine occasions in the past 30 seasons, Coventry have avoided relegation only in their final game. Victory against Newcastle United last Tuesday was the first since Strachan succeeded

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against Leicester City was arguably more important, given that the sides could become even closer rivals as the fight to avoid relegation intensifies.

Dublin, barring injury, will be an influential figure for Coventry, but not necessarily in his favoured role as a striker. Strachan's jiggery-pokery has seen Dublin move to the defence, and the irony is that, by going back, Dublin has rediscovered the scoring touch that made him Coventry's leading scorer in each of the past two seasons. Twice he headed in crosses from McAllister, the first from a corner in the eleventh minute,

the second after 72 minutes. Strachan acknowledged that Dublin the defender still has a few things to learn, although on two occasions he recovered ground admirably to block Heskey before he could shoot. When Marshall put an effort on target, Ogrizovic, a veteran of four of those last-day escapes, furned his header away athletically.

For Leicester, the season is going as Martin O'Neill, the manager, expected. At full strength, they can bother any side because they are commit ted and organised. There is not sufficient quality in the squad, though, to overcome

> O'Neill made a legitimate point when he suggested that Walsh, had he been fit, would not have allowed Dublin those two free headers. At least he is in a position to be able to add to his staff shortly after scouring the Continent. "I do not want to build up the hopes of our supporters by saying that we are signing five players tomorrow, but I genuinely hopeful that

the loss of certain players.

result of the ground work," O'Neili said. LECCENTEN CITY (9-5-2): K Keller — S Prior, C Hill (autr. G Pariss, 76min), I Marchell — S Greyson, S Taylor, N Lennon, M Izzyat, P Keernerk — S Cleridge, E COVENTRY CITY (3-5-2); S Ogitzonic -- D Dublin, L Daloh, R Shew -- P Teller, G McAlleter, K Ficherdson, P Williams, J Sobio -- N Whelen, D Huckerby fault: E

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Team spirit cheers Souness Southampton

Derby County .

BY KEITH PINCE

THE can of worms that Bryan Robson opened on Friday lunchtime had, by the next afternoon, wriggled all the way down to the South Coast. Had Teesside logic been applied at The Dell, this match would not have taken place, but, as Southampton proved, absence can make a eam's heart grow stronger at less self-interested clubs.

It is possible to imagine Graeme Souness, the Southampton manager, after digest-ing the news of Middles brough's decision to call off their game against Blackburn Rovers, penning the following note to the FA Carling Premiership: "Dear Sirs, we have lost our previous five league games and we have not managed to take three points off anybody since April 1992 when Matthew Le Tissier has been unavailable.

Therefore, we will not be turning up." Turn up, though, they did, to win, without Le Tissier, delighting Souness with a wholehearted performance and a victory that lifted them two places and out of the

What of Jim Smith, Souness's opposite number, who was deprived of two of the three players who have been so instrumental for Derby County this season? No McGrath, his outstanding defender, and no Sturridge, his leading striker; but no pleas for postponements or excuses in defeat, either.

"I think Middlesbrough might be in serious trouble," Smith said. "I've never known a club call a game off without permission. If we all did what they did, we could have this isituation] every week." in other words, anarchy.

It is difficult to say which of their two absentees Derby missed most. Without Starridge, they had neither the guile to give their hard-pressed defenders a breather, Southampton, for whom Ostenstad and Watson made hay in McGrath's absence.

The encouragement of a ninth-minute lead from Dailly vanished within four minutes as Watson, his initial effort only parried by Hoult, squeezed in the equaliser, and then Slater crossed immaculately for Oakley to head in off

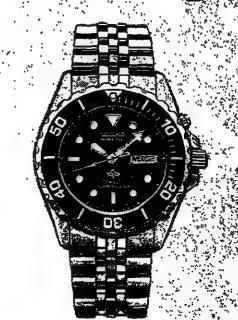
the goalkeeper. Southampton's third, a penalty emphatically converted in injury time by Magilton, was due reward for a performance founded on the industry of Slater and Magilton, the perseverance of the strikers and the occasional ingenuity of Berkovic, As Souness said, Southampton can no longer be considered a one-man

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Graham back in the old routine as Leeds set record



Graham: contentedair

Everton Leeds United ..

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

GEORGE GRAHAM exuded a warm glow, on a bitter afternoon, and allowed himself a smile, almost a smirk. I'm enjoying it," he said "Enjoying every minute of it." He could have been pontificating at Highbury, with Arsenal, after a bland victory, instead, he was at Goodison Park, with Leeds United, after dour draw. Little has

of opponents to the sneaking of a point, or three, in the final minutes. If the result is good, then the display cannot have been all that bad; if it has been done in style, too, then that is a Thus, on Merseyside on Saturday, Graham emerged

from any degree of success -

from the tactical annihilation

contented. It was his sixteenth match since returning from exile to take charge of Leeds. of which only five games have been won, yet it was his side's fifth successive clean sheet, a club record in the top flight. What really pleased me Graham derives pleasure was that we created a lot of

chances as well, probably more than them," Graham said. "We looked dangerous on the break, very dangerous. Perhaps we should have retained the ball a bit better, but, overall, it was pretty good." He stopped a fraction short

of gloating — after all, it was no more than a draw — but the smooth, often strug, persona of old was lunking only millimetres from the surface. Leeds, with a more balanced blend of youth and experience, with the Elland Road casualty list at last having eased, are becoming tough cookies. Palmer, Wetherall and

Beesley provided the solidity.

with Jackson, 19, enhancing it after replacing Radebe at halftime. Kelly and Halle patrolled the flanks, up and down repetitively and effectively, while Sharpe and Bowyer flitted to and fro in unison, supporting the defence and supplying the attack. Had Rush's sad demise up

front not commued, and Deane's radar been switched on, Leeds could have won at a

Everton also had their chances. When Ferguson finally escaped the suffocating clutches of Wetherall, he nodded wastefully wide; Kanchelskis, an intermittent

threat throughout, dearly needs a compass for Christmas: and Martyn, the Leeds goalkeeper, elegantly and athletically dealt with anything "It was a fair result, I can't really complain." Joe Royle,

the Everton manager, said "All the stars were defenders. It was a 0-0 game, a 0-0 sort of

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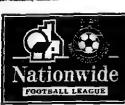
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ROY EVANS, the Liverpool manager, is confident that Robbie Fowler will have recovered from an an ankle injury in time to play against Newcastle United tonight.
Fowler, who has scored five goals in his last two games, hobbled off against Nottingham Forest last week in but is responding well to treatment. Newcastle will be without David Batty, who completes his three-match suspension and John Beresford, Faustino Asprilla and Steve Howey who are injured.

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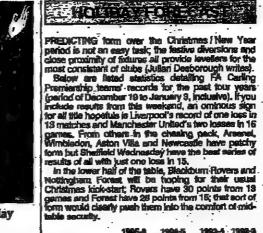
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FOOTBALL

Gascoigne piles on misery for Jefferies

most part, is paid misery. On Saturday, Jim Jefferies earned a living by watching his Heart of Midlothian team lose 41 to Rangers at Tynecastle. This was the team's seventh successive match without a win and the sheer drabness of Hearts was set off perfectly a glearning performance by Rangers.

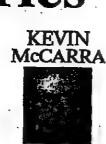
It is months since Rangers have played with such extravagant excellence and the dominance of Paul Gascoigne explained the vigour of the ensemble. Whatever restraint may still be required in his private life, Gascoigne can only thrive on the field when he is untainted by circumspection. Against Hearts, his instincts were on the loose, unleashing constant entertainment on the game.

The goal with which Gascoigne rounded off the scoring packed a surge of excitement into a single moment. As he ran through on the left, the incredulous speciator first guessed his intention, then wondered if it could succeed and finally marvelled at the execution. By bending the ball off the outside of his left foot, Gascoigne defeated a narrow angle, swerving around Gilles Rousset, the goalkeeper, a shot that cannoned into the net off the inside of the far post.

Jefferies may have been capable of appreciating the technique, but enjoyment would have been too much to ask of him. A disconsolate mood must surely have set in as soon as Neil Pointon was sent off, in the final minute of the first half, for a foul on Erik Bo Andersen, Pointon had also been shown the red card against Rangers in Septem-

The precise number of Hearts men deployed on Saturday, however, had little was Rangers' authority. The much admired Jefferjes is left to ponder his next step at a club that is £6.4 million in the red. At Tynecastle, financial troubles are passed down the generations, like a family

Alex MacDonald, one of Jefferies's predecessors in the post, has known little else than budgets so tight that they threaten to squeeze the life out of a manager. He was dismissed by Hearts in 1990, four years after narrowly failing. with a makeshift team, to win both the premier division and the Tennents Scottish Cup.



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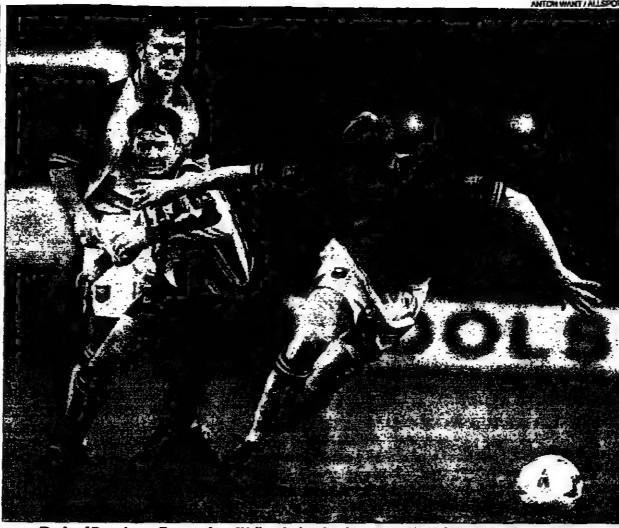
With his flair for frugality choice for Airdrieonians. For the past two years the club has had no ground of its own, no suitable training facilities and with home matches being played in Cumbernauks, no real support. If Airdrie carmot be made to flower, though, MacDonald always ensures that they are a thorn in the flesh of richer

Watching the side at its worst can give one a dull ache at the temples and MacDon-ald has admitted to pragmatism, once remarking, after a defeat by Aberdeen, that "We ended up playing football, and that doesn't suit our style." Even so, their organised awkwardness has taken Airdrie to two Scottish Cup finals since 1992. He might very well have collected the trophy were it not for the great misfortune of first meeting Rangers and then Celtic on those occasions.

MacDonald is now coveted once again. Yesterday Kilmarnock were attempting to per-suade him to take charge at Rugby Park and set his know-how to the task of keeping the club in the premier division. Alex Totten had been dismissed by Kilmarnock at the beginning of this month and on Saturday he was appointed manager at Falkirk, where a vacancy had cropped up when missed for bringing a £25,000 fine upon the club by fielding

an incligible player. In the premier division alone, four clubs have parted company with their managers since the beginning of this season and the precariousness of the profession is infamous. Yet, while this line of wock is not for those of timed disposition, the survival rate in

another sense, is high. The careers of MacDonald and Totten have been wounded but never killed off and, after decades in the game, they still remain the answer to a chairman's prayers.



Davis, of Barnsley, pulls away from Walker during the victory over Sheffield United at Bramall Lane

Hendrie puts Barnsley in charge

Sheffield United . Barnsley

BY IVO TENNANT

FORGET all that talk about Christmas shopping interfer-ing with the football. At Bramall Lane on Saturday, nearly 25,000 attended the most significant South Yorkshire derby match for many a season, won, deservedly so, by Barnsley. On this evidence, Barnsley,

where Dickie Bird, the great umpire, and the miners' strike were nurtured, could soon have a footballing reputation besides. This match was to decide the leadership of the Nationwide League first divi-sion, a position that Barnsley retain after Bolton Wanderers drew with Swindon yesterday. No longer, perhaps, will this pockmarked Yorkshire community remain in the lee of the bigger clubs in the area. Danny Wilson, Barnsley's

business-like manager, likes to play the game properly and with an adherence to skill, and that cannot always have been true in the past. The winning goal was a case in point. It had not been an exceptional match, but this one moment stood out. Receiving the ball from Eaden. Hendrie, the experienced Barnsley midfield player, turned sharply in Shef-field United's penalty area and shot underneath Kelly's dive a move, apparently, prac-

tised in training.

There was little doubting the outcome now, for only four minutes remained. United. football, but they were not at full strength, as Howard Kendall, their manager, remarked upon yet refused to hold up as

an excuse. Not that Barnsley were devoid of injury problems. Redfearn, their captain, whose midfield skills produce many of their best moments, went off with hamstring trouble in the first half. There were enhanced responsibilities for the players from overseas, but, on one a bitter afternoon, they were not found wanting.
Nor was Watson, who

tipped over the bar a chesteddown volley from Patterson, clutched a header from pointblank range by Katchouro and partied a left-footed drive from the same player. Kendall describes Watson as a good

him is worth more than it would be from most managers at this level.

Otherwise, the best chances of a contest that increasingly cried out for the kind of goal that Hendrie ultimately provided fell to Bosancic, whose drive was touched over by Kelly, and Wilkinson, whose attempt from close range was deflected wide. Both these opportunities belonged to Barnsley, as did the spoils. Their approach to the game merits promotion.

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Todd puts his faith in Bolton's ability to rise again

Swindon Town Boiton Wanderers

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

IN EARLY November Bolton Wanderers stood seven points clear at the top of the Nationwide League first division. A swift return to the FA Carling Premiership appeared a for-mality. Seven weeks on it is anything but. Bolton have lost their leadership to Barnsley and have not won in right league matches. How the mighty have fallen.

All is not lost yet. At the County Ground yesterday. against a vigorous Swindon Town side, Bolton competed encouragingly, twice going a goal behind but twice

They thought that they had won it when Green bundled the ball home from close range in the final minute. His joy was short-lived, though, the effort being ruled out for

Colin Todd, the Bolton man-ager, still believes that he has a good side. "We are just going through one of those spells when things don't go right for you," he said. "We have got to

just make it happen."

Defeat would have been unfair on Swindon, whose run of five defeats in seven matches has seen them slide to midtable. They dominated much of a scrappy first half, with O'Sullivan always to the fore in midfield, and went ahead with a delightful goal in the 33rd minute.

Walters may have disappeared from the public con-sciousness since his best days at Liverpool and Aston Villa, but, on occasion, he can still reproduce the wizardry of old. After Allison won a crunching challenge with Fairclough. Walters gathered the loose ball, looked up and floated the most delicate of chips over

Ward. Whatever their problems, Bolton's ability still shines through. Green brought the scores level shortly after the interval. He had been on the pitch only three minutes, reaged to divert Blake's cross past Digby.

Swindon regained their lead when Kerslake and Watson combined nicely for Allison to drive in from ten yards, but Bolton refused to lay down. Blake again played the provider, six minutes from the end, and McGinlay touched in his eighteenth goal of the season. SWINDON TOWN (4-3-1-2): F Digoy — M. Robinson, I Culverhouse, K. Horlock, F Derres, taub. G. Ellers, 66-ms): — D. Kerstelle, W. O'Suffiers, K. Watson — M. Wellers (aub. A. Smrift, 39) — S Coule, W. Albon.

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Ashby has hand in conceding share of the spoils

By WALTER GAMMIE

AN INJURY-TIME penalty by Neil Doherty rescued a point for Kidderminster Har riers, the Vauxhall Conference leaders, in a 1-1 draw against Rushden and Diamonds at Nene Park on

Saturday.

Rushden had led from the 39th minute, when Cari Alford, brought down in the penalty area by Kieran Prindiville, stepped up to convert the penalty himself, and were looking good for a notable third home win of their shaky first season in the Conference when Nick Ashby was adjudged to have com-mitted handball in his own

"I thought at the time it was harsh," Roger Ashby, the manager, said. "Seeing the video has convinced me it was a very bad decision." Ashby Jr, the manager's son, was sent off for the offence and returned to the changingroom with his own case for

the defence. "It was a bitterly cold day and you could see the red mark on his chest and the top of his shoulder," Ashby, the manager, said. "You could see the imprint of the Spalding sponsored ball — that's how clear-cut it was. He was absolutely distraught about the decision."

Ashby Sr, who holds the appearance record for Kettering, recollects Nick having previously been sent off when ne played at Rockingham Road. "I played 30 years or so and was never sent off," Asbhy said. "I suppose that Is one up on him — and he is still only 25."

The point that Rushden

gained off Kidderminster was one that the manager freely admitted he would have setafternoon, but it did not come as a surprise. "We've been so inconsistent," he said. "We've played all the sides at the top: Kidderminster, twice, Stevenage and Macclesfield and we've played exceptionally well. You ask their managers and they would wonder how side."

Rushden stayed one place off the relegation places, with Dover Athletic leaping above them and pushing Staly-bridge Celtic into the third relegation place after beating them 2-1 at Crabble with a late goal by David Leworthy.

There were hard-earned gains for the bottom two clubs. Hayes won 2-1 at home over Kettering, which opened up a two-point gap on Bath City, who will nevertheless be happy to have scraped a precious point from a 0-0 draw with Stevenage Borough at Twerton Park.

Duncan content to live with criticism

Chesterfield

Bournemouth

By NICK SZCZEPANIK

JOHN DUNCAN, the Chesterfield manager, was dispensing welcome glasses of seasonal hospitality along with a realistic appraisal of his team's performance to the reporters assembled in his office after a disappointing draw on a bone-chilling

dierrooon. "One of the few games when that fire in the belly, that ovewhelming hunger that really gave us the edge on teams over the past three years, wasn't there on the day," he said. "Character, without the fire, got us the draw. We're normally much more

on the hall, but Bournemouth deserved credit. It was a close encounter."

Duncan himself receives only grudging credit from supporters who question his methods, although they cannot quibble with his record: Chesterfield are occupying the upper reaches of the second division for the second successive season since Duncan led them to promotion in 1995. "I don't like his tactics." David Radford, of the Crooked Spireite fanzine, said, "although the defence is very good. Sean Dyche is the best centre half in the division by a long way." The crowd behind the goal put it more succincily, with chants of "boring, boring

"Fine, let them be critical," Duncan said. "it's part of the game, but we've won the past six home matches and drawn one. Overall, I'm surprised how well we've done."

Chesterfield took an early lead when Lormor bent a 20-yard shot into the top far corner. Bournemouth should have equalised before half-time, but managed only a miss-of-the-season contender when Beardsmore fired Watson's low cross into the side netting rather than the empty goal. Instead, they had to wait until the final quarter, when Town's low shot was deflected in by Cox.

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BASKETBALL: IRISH IS TARGET AS THAMES VALLEY COACH SEEKS TO STRENGTHEN SQUAD BEFORE TRANSFER DEADLINE

Arena points way for Tigers to quell Palace uprising

THE sudden availability of Colin Irish before the transfer deadline should alert a host of Budweiser League clubs still short of their full complements. Not the least interested of coaches surprised to learn that lrish, the former player-coach of Worthing Bears, has just been cut by Cholet, the French club, was Mick Bett, the Thames Valley Tigers coach. Bett admitted that he would like

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nothing more than to have his squad reinforced by Irish, 34, who has sadiy proved much less of a success in the French league than Ian White, the England centre now with Besancon. The snag for Bett is his own club's limitations. Are they competitive enough, he might well wonder, to beat their rivals to the signature of a player who was one of the league's most prolific three-point scorers? From the way that the Tigers seemingly did their utmost to con-

cede a healthy lead against Crystal Palace on Saturday, it was clear why Bett's squad, in spite of their 102-96 win, needs strengthening. The accuracy of Casey Arena, which brought him five three-pointers among his 35point haul, helped the Tigers into a 30-17 lead. At half-time, they led 47-45, but then conceded the initiative to Crystal Palace, who had already beaten them once this season. Leading 83-71. Palace then pro-

duced a series of unbelievably poor

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shots and passes to concede the next 18 points. Amid the excitement was the fraternal shoot-out of the Scantleburys, narrowly won by Richard, of Palace, with 27 points, two more than Peter, the England captain, managed for the Tigers. "Since we won, I'll have the bragging rights over Christmas dinner," Peter said. London Towers defeated Leicester

Riders 102-96 to go joint-top with Sheffield Sharks, thanks to 31 points from Danny Lewis.

The most dramatic finish was a Newcastle, where Birmingham Bullets fell 79-78 to the Eagles, their bogey team. Rob Phelps must have felt that he had cost the Eagles the game with a missed jump shot ten seconds from time, only to shoot the decisive three-pointer on the buzzer. Hemel and Watford Royals, overwhelmed 100-67 at home by Manchester Giants, are still without a win in 19 starts this

NETBALL

Playing facilities plan holds key to success

By Louise Taylor

NETBALL may rarely have been more popular, but such enthusiasm requires undersimpling with the sort of playing facilities guaranteed to sustain long term interest.

Accordingly, the All Eng-land Netball Association (AENA) has commissioned a team of consultants to conduct a comprehensive review of the sport's facilities in England.

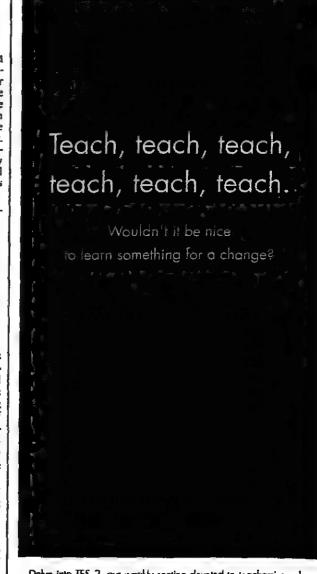
Knight, Cavanah and Page, a leading national leisure research and management consultancy, will thus make recommendations about minimum standards of provision, along with reasons why, and locations where facilities should be located.

All AENA-affiliated clubs and schools have received detailed questionnaires querying existing training and competition venues, the extent of courts and coaches available to young netballers and coachng standards offered in clubs. This will enable AENA said.

officials to assess the sport's development against the yardstick of key objectives laid down by the Sports Council's support programme. As Liz Nicholl, the chief executive of AENA, said: "Affordable facilities which are available when required are essential to the expansion and growth of the

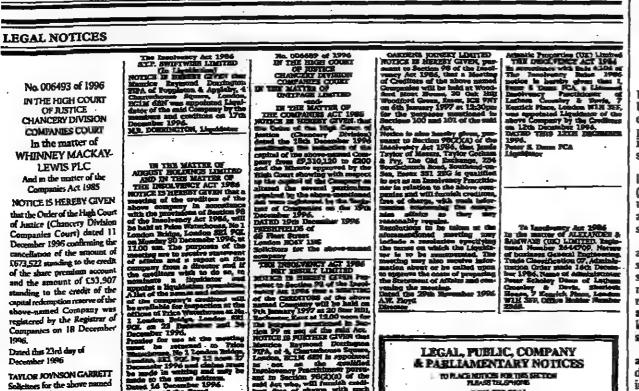
"This new national strategy will assist us at AENA, along with regions, counties and leagues. By working with local authorities and schools, they can make their case for the provision and improvement of

Her message was fully endorsed by Lucy Faukener, the AENA development officer. "A comprehensive response will enable us to make a much stronger case to the Sports Council and the National Lottery Sports Fund to support the development facilities of netball all over England," she



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Abertillery make the most of a striking difference

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By GERALD DAVIES

THE Welsh Society of Rugby Referees kept its word on Saturday. Its members went on strike. Thirteen referees ignored the call and in conseruence 13 matches were played. What else could this grievance be about, in the present mood of the sport, but money? The Welsh Rugby Union (WRU) agree that the officials should be reimbursed, but opinion diverges over the extent. While the governing body accepts that those referees who officiate in the first two divisions should be paid, the society wants all those in the five divisions of the league to be treated

equally.
The society's members were not unanimous in pursuing this particular course of action, so, while the majority were conducting a meeting in the deeper recesses of the campus of the University of Wales Institute Cardiff (UWIC), Alan Barham, one of those who was prepared to break ranks was presiding over UWIC's Swalec Cup fifth-round tie on the adjoining pitch. Barham pointed out that, in not supporting his colleagues, his actions should not be interpreted as supporting the WRU.

"I've been under pressure over the past few days from the other referees," he said. They have wanted me to join them, but I simply could not For the sake of the game, I do not believe that going on strike is the best way to resolve the problem. There are clubs who cannot afford to go without a game on Saturday — and the players need to

play."
The society will meet again with the WRU today to determine whether there can be

any agreement.
UWIC and Abertillery were grateful to Barham. The fixture had already been delayed a week because of the number of players from the Institute match between Wales Under-2i and Naial.

While Barham had been generous, the conditions were not. The wind was strong and bitingly cold and presented uncomfortable conditions. No player would choose to play on the wing on such a day.

Abertitlery marshalled the elements better in the first half and, with the wind in their faces, reached the interval only a point adrift, Savastano's two penalty goals being set against Dean How-

During 20 minutes of intense pressure in the second half, Martin Williams's two penalty goals finally gave them the lead, yet, in the final ten minutes, the students revived and created enough chances to steal the game. Chances to steat the garne.

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Andrew Longmore searches for repercussions from the Smoldon case

Rugby referees remain whistle-happy

afternoon than to preside over a gathering of 30 rugby players of assorted competence on a blasted heath in a chilling easterly, but, if so, he was not about to advertise the fact. He likes to see himself as the 31st player on the pitch and he had a good game, by all accounts. for all the post-match chuntering of the Haywards Heath 3rd XV scrum half.

"Scrum halvest" he muttered on his return to the referees' cubby-hole and a warming cup of tea. They re a law unto themselves. You get the odd one who thinks they're God's gift to the game. which is why they're playing for the Thirds, of course."

Beglan is a mild man, espectacled with a streak of dark hair ringing his bald head like a tidemark, and a nice line in put-downs. He took up refereeing 412 years ago, at the age of 49, because his sons were involved in the game and his wife started to work on Saturdays.

He thought that he might help out the Sussex Referees Society on the odd Saturday and ended up doing every Saturday, most Sundays and the odd midweek game as well. He coaches Hove Under-19s, has a Pilkington level two referee's qualification. and, had he been sued for negligence by any of the muddled, heaving athletes from Haywards Heath or Warlingham. he was insured for £5 million by the Rugby Football Union. His expenses for the day came to £4.50.

It was not a good week for

referees in any sport. Rugby referees in Wales went on strike over pay and the gallant army of amateurs found out that a bad game with the whistle can be measured in millions. Nobody who can walk two paces would be-grudge Ben Smoldon a penny of the El million that he could be awarded in compensation for the neck injury that has left him paralysed, but the case has brought into focus exactly what duty the referee has to the players in his charge, and how many might consider their Saturday afternoon sacrifice no longer worth the price. I asked Begian if he was frightened by the possibility of having his competence judged

by a court of law. Put like that, I suppose the answer is yes," he said, "but that case was in a colts match, which is very different. They are played at quite a high pace and you've got to be ultra-fit to



Still putting something back into the game, Beglan makes his point to a Haywards Heath 3rd XV player on Saturday. Photograph: Adrian Sherratt

referee them. I think some questions should have been asked of the coaches involved." Smoldon's injury had been suffered in a collapsed scrum, one of "up to 24 in the game", the Appeal Court

"If you want to collapse the scrum, you can," Begian said, "but you can see the signs of trouble early on. Sometimes, at this level, one prop will be much stronger than his opponent. Then you might have a quiet word in his ear, say: Look, you can push this scrum around all afternoon, but what's the point?" and hope he gets the message. Most of them have work to go to on Monday morning, so they don't want to be injured."

So far, the Sussex Referees Society has not suffered any noticeable drain on its aiready stretched resources because of the Smoldon case. "A couple of

'The game is faster, refs retire earlier. Those are more significant factors than legal rulings'

refs have said they do not want to do colts matches." Peter Atthis, the secretary of the society, said. "The main problem is social. People don't want to give up so much of their time. The game is also getting faster and refs are retiring earlier. Those are more significant factors than a legal ruling."

At the monthly meeting the society, Atthis has tried to stress the positive aspects of the judgment. The RFU has been taking steps to address the problem anyway, but what we are saying to referees is that you have been given more responsibility on the pitch, it is up to you to use it

properly," he said. "It's a twoedged sword." in a game as complex as rugby, the referee still has to

rely on the goodwill and common sense of the players, particularly at the lower levels. Beglan's style of refereeing, more democratic than authoritarian, is ideal for the Third XVs, but would be too soft for the sharper, competi-tive instincts of the league. "If you blew for every offence in the Thirds, you'd not get much of a game," he said.

In the bar afterwards, Patch Leaney, the Haywards Heath Third XV prop, a bearded veteran playing out his time for fun, has enjoyed his afternoon. "Yeah, we had a good game," he said. "Warlingham aren't too aggressive. What were there, one or two punches thrown? That's pretty civilised. Ninety-five per cent of the time it's all right. The problems come when you get the younger ones, who look at you and think: 'Hey. he's got grey hair, we'll have a go at him. Then you have to see 2 Then you have to sort it

Leaney's sore neck bears testimony to 24 years of frontrow combat. He can protect himself, mostly, but looks to the referee to watch his back. "If my head's at the bottom of a ruck, he has to look out for stude flying in that I can't see.".

he said. "You have to rely on the rel for that. On the whole, you just want the ref to apply the laws of the game." In the Smoldon case, Leaney reckoned, he did not: "If it was 30-odd collapsed scrums, then he should have done something about it." Apart from the Warling-

ham full back, who dislocated a thumb catching a high ball and was under the surgeon's knife by nightfall, the only medicai risk was hypothermia as the sides slogged it out against the wind. Warlingham won 17-13, but that was hardly the point. There was one little word of dissent from a Warlingham player," Beglan said, "but that was it. I gave a ten-metre penalty and his own side told him to shut up. We had a little laugh about it later. I enjoyed it. I feel I'm putting something back into the game, you see."

Herrington ensures justice for spirited Caledonia

Caledonia Reds ... Scottish Borders 26

By MARK SOUSTER

HEAVY overnight frost forced both opening matches in the Scottish inter-district championship — which is also the qualifying tournament for the European Cup — to be switched yesterday to Murrayfield, where the undersoil heating ensured that Caledonia Reds against Scot-tish Borders and Edinburgh versus Glasgow went ahead as a double-header.

Although lack of a crowd lent a surreal atmosphere to proceedings, the rugby was certainly a step up in intensity from club level and a thrilling finish to the opening match went some way towards making up for some scrappy play, with the ball often lost in contact and constructive back skills at a premium.

Borders lost Chalmers their playmaker, before the start, with a groin strain, which reduced the Metrose contingent to six, but their cohesion ensured that Borders had a smoother look shout them.

Caledonia relied more on grit and determination, showing a will to win empitomised by McIvor, their captain. Heart, though, too often ruled head and their cause was not helped by a fractured link between the back row and Simpson, the scrum half.

Borders got the first try after 30 minutes when Turnbull, the full back, acted as decoy, and Stanger took Welsh's miss pass on the burst to score. Parker converted to leave Borders 16-6 ahead at

They were looking to ex-tend their lead when Caledodropped goal hit an upright, but Burns opted for adven-ture rather than kick to safety. A minute and several recycled phases later, Longstaff was crossing the Borders line for a well-merited try.

Borders scored what looked certain to be a decisive try through Welsh, only for Cale donia to dig even deeper and Herrington crossed for a try, converted by McKenzie, that ensured that honours were diared.

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(Melrose), S Nichol (Aetrose), B Redpath
(Melrose), Statelni; N Mctinoy (Lect-Forest),
S Brotherstone (Melrose), S Pergusori
(Precioles), S Bernet (Kelso), S Affren
(Melrose), E Nog (Melrose), N Encyston
(Melrose), R Kingestrick (Scroughynut)
Broughton replaced by I Bliot (Hawick,
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(Kelso, 50).

David Johnston, the coach to the Scotland backs, yesterday called for an independent commission to be set up to examine the administration of Scottish rugby. Johnston does not believe that, off the field, the Scotish Rugby Union has kept up with the pace of change and the needs of the professional game.

Spirited Reading draw consolation from defeat



Bracken: solo try

Saracens By ALISON KERVIN

THE enduring magic and wonder of cup rugby was embodied in an almost surreal mismatch encounter between

Reading and Saracens on

Saturday. Never. in Reading's 98-year history, had the supporters seen anything like it: they stood back and watched in awe and amazement as Saracens arrived with all their dazzling international players in tow. Philippe Sella. the world's most capped player. walked sheepishly past Reading supporters who had been

praying all week for one of sport's most rare and beauti-ful moments, a giant-killer

Alas, there was no such result for them to delight in, but, around the dinner table, at parties and in pubs all over Christmas, Reading players will surely be recounting tales of how they tackled Michael Lynagh, how they flattened Sella in attack and how they sneaked the ball from Tony Copsey in the lineout.

Lee Farming, the Reading captain, 24 and with all the raw talent to make it to the too. led his team by example: making breaks, fighting hard in defence and galvanising team spirit. Andre Bachelet and Mark Scharrenberg, the United States players, are worthy of mention; they are the only two professionals at the club and looked extremely useful. Tom Ellis tackled his heart out along with fan Armstrong, a long-time Read-

ing player. Yet, for all Reading's determination, it was Saracens' faster, fitter and more professional players who dominated all areas of the game. Their first score came from Tunningley: then Wallace, who had an outstanding game at prop, went over from a lineout. Ebongalame showed his astonishing pace to make it three before a penalty try took

Just a minute into the second half Ebongalame went over again, then the match evened out with Reading fighting hard to contain Saracens for much of the half. Reading's only points came from a penalty goal by Bachelet, but Saracens could not be held back entirely. Lynagh, who really shaped the whole game for Saracens, sent a long pass out to put Kebbie over and, in added time, Bracken ran 50

yards for a solo try.

Reading, though disappointed to be out of the competition so conclusively, should feel flattered that Saracens arrived with such an immense array of talent. They should also feel pleased at some dynamic individual performances and the sheer guts of the team effort.

Reading director of rugby, said: "When you look at Saracens and what they have achieved, and think that they were a club just like us not too long ago, it gives you confidence. You realise that it is possible for any club to get right to the top."

SCORERS: Reading: Penalty goal: Bachviot. Saracove: Tree: Turningley, Walace, Ebongaiame (2), Kebble, Braken, ponalty in. Conversions: Lynagh (3). READING: & Ferming: P. Hookins, M. Scharranchez, D. Barradt, T. Bis., J. Costeloe, A. Bachelet. P. Guthridge. S. Perlun, G. Anstead, P. Neary, M. Vatcher, R. Dow, I. Armstron, M. Hatt. Hopkins replaced by M. Kamp (Stirrin), Neary replaced by G. Spark (W7).

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Blackheath get off lightly

Redmond leads rout of Cornish invaders

Thanet Wanderers 29 St lves12 BY BARRY TROWRRIDGE

IT IS not often that rugby supporters from Cornwall cross into England and fail to provide their XV with anything less than an overwhelming "home" support, yet that was exactly the scenario at Broadstairs on Saturday as Thanet Wanderers, whose followers warmed to their task as the game wore on, deservedly took their place in the last 16 of the Intermediate Cup.

Although St Ives play their league rugby a level higher than Thanet, in South West I. a lack of confidence and a road journey of only coppers short of 400 miles left them easy meat for their rampant hosts from deepest northeast Kent. With a stand-off half, Mike

Pond, who hit long touches with awesome regularity, a back row that worked as a unit and centres who seemed to be hattling for the same cause (all in stark contrast to recent England performances), Thanet shrugged off the inconvenience of losing two of their front row to injury and will go

into 1997 knowing that the final at Twickenham, on May 3, is well within their compass. Their match-winner, how

ever, filled none of these key positions - it was Gareth Redmond, at full back. Unsure, from his place kicking action, whether he is a man of the Nineties or a throwback to the days of Bob Hiller, Redmond kicks "round the corner" with the ball in a torpedo position, yet performed with a remarkably high success rate. while his forays into the line always looked capable of cre-

With 33 minutes gone, Redmond set up Mario Meyer. as Thanet swept the ball home from 45 metres out. Chris Marson, after 57 minutes, and Dean Langley, after 76, added tries to seal the victory.

tries to seal the victory.

SCORERS: Thanet Wanderers: Tries: Mayer Merson, Langley Conversion: Red mond Penalty goals: Redmond (4) St. has; Tries: Alicinson, A Perlan Conversion: Peters
THANET WANDERERS: Q. Redmond G. Shewit, I Harvey, P. Macaulay, M. Mayer M. Pond, J. Ward R. Gueld, C. Smith, T. Casier, A. Michael, G. Hingley, P. Hughes, C. Marson, S. Harris, Smith replaced by M. Langley (68) ST. IVES: B. Gitson, M. Cumow, A. Chalodi, W. Stewns, A. Perkin, S. Janks, J. Trewin, A. Proe, B. Rouncefeld, N. Latty, J. Alburson, Trewin replaced by N. Rome (40). Smith replaced by C. Dune (79); Janus replaced by H. Spez, (79). Referent, S. Hendcacke (London).

Newcastle ... West Hartlepool 10 BY ALAN WALTERS

> NEWCASTLE confirmed themselves as the top side in the North East with an emphatic seven-try victory over West Hartlepool in the fifth round of the Pilkington Cup yesterday. Rob Andrew, the Newcastle director of rugby, described the performance, in front of a record crowd of 4,665 at Kingston Park, as 'our best of the season".

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He said: "After such a long lay-off, it was a big game for us and that was a tough battle. I thought we coped with West very well. The future for North East rugby is certainly for us to play on a Sunday. I think that was proved today." Newcastle lost Peter Wal-

ton, the Scotland flanker, with a badly out head and Mark Ring, the West player coach, had to be led from the field after dislocating his shoulder. This was a huge physical contest and Ring said: "We were totally blown away up front. They were superbly organised and Gary Armstrong was magnificent at the base of the scrum."

_ Armstrong and Tony Un-

Newcastle take step forward derwood scored two tries each as Newcastle ran the ball at

> scoring at the rate of a point a minute in the first quarter. Andrew kicked a fourthminute penalty goal before John Bentley stepped outside Steve John for a try in the corner in the eighth minute. John Stabler pulled three points back in the eleventh minute, but Armstrong grabbed the first of two tries from close range. Andrew converted and kicked a penal-

Matt Silva, the West full back, scored an excellent try



Armstrong two tries

from a live-metre scrum. which Stabler converted, to give West a glimmer of hope, but then Doddie Weir, the Scotland lock, forced his way every opportunity. They were 23-10 up at half-time after

over just before half-time. Armstrong took a quick tapped penalty to score under the posts; Andrew converted. Three minutes later the West nack, under increasing pressure, collapsed the scrum and Tony Spreadbury, the referee, awarded a penalty try, which Andrew converted.

There was still time for Underwood to score twice in a 15-minuse period. The first was a straightforward score, as Mait Tellow came into the line from full back; the second saw Underwood cut through the whole of the West pack to score under the posts. Andrew converted both.

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WeST HARTLEPOOL: M Silve: M Wood, J Connolly, M Ring, S John; J Stabler, M Rosents, W de Jonge, A Penecks, P Waterlack, C Murphy, K Mosency, J Tore, R Eastshaw, I Morgan Wood replaced by G Codelle (70). Ring replaced by M Wood (25).

Bristoi Blackheath

BY BARNEY SPENDER. RUGBY enjoys little of foot-

ball's giant-killing pedigree and yesterday, after a brief glimpse of an upset, Bristol from the first division, duly dispatched Blackheath, from the second, in the fifth round of the Pilkington Cup at the Memorial Ground Bristol may be in the lower echelons of the upper league, but they are wholly professional and. despite Blackheath's wholehearted efforts, that inevitably shone through.

the battle in the tight while Simon Shaw and Phil Adams. back in the second row after missing eight games through injury, dominated the lineout. This brought a constant

supply of ball, resulting in nine Bristol tries, which looks good on paper, but there is a. good case for suggesting that there ought to have been more. Some poor decision making and the kind of handling more usually found on the volleyball court led to

For 20 minutes it was an even, if helter-skelter, contest as Blackheath matched Bristol for aggression, invention and errors, taking the lead in the fourth minute. An interception on his own 22 gave Gallagher. the veteran All Black, the head start that he needed to beat Tiueti and Hull in an 80-metre

dash to the line. Bristol struck back with a penalty goal by Burke and a try from Regan, who must be aware that his England hooking berth is under increasing threat from Phil Greening, the Gioucester No 2. Regan's try was the cue for a glorious sweeping Blackheath movement that saw the ball flipped through a dozen pairs of

The Bristol front row won

numerous wasted chances.

Burke club record

hands before Howard, the stand-off, went over in the

right-hand corner.
That try gave Blackheath a 10-8 lead, but, once Burke. whose 21 points were a new Bristol record for the tournament, had gone over for the first of his two tries, the game turned into a procession in the direction of the Blackheath try-line.

At half-time Bristol led 29-10 and they then killed off the game within five minutes of the restart with scores from Barrow and Tiueti.

Ekoku pounced on a Bristol error to notch Blackkheath's third try, but was later fortunate to stay on the field when he aimed a head-butt at Breeze, who had the last word, taking advantage of an exhausted defence to run in two late tries.

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replaced by N. Temperley (55); Regen
replaced by B. McCornell (60)
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BLACKO-FADM: J. Celtocher, A. Foldu, D. replaced by 8 McCornell (80)
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S Walsh; G Hotmes, C Ridgeway, J Taylor,
C Wilders, M. Skrypec, S Shortland, M
Russel, M Henris, Skrypec reglaced by D
Walton, (54).

Sale the merrier as Moore awaits verdict

Richmond ..

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BY DAVID HANDS RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

WHETHER or not Brian Moore contests any ban that may follow the dismissal that he suffered on Saturday, nothing will put Richmond back into the hat for the draw for the sixth round of the Pilkington Cup today. Yet, what they have learnt from the exciting but severely-flawed contest with Sale at Heywood Road should serve them well in their crusade for promotion to the first division this season.

Had Moore, the former England hooker, remained on the pitch, Richmond would surely have beaten one of England's top six clubs and proved to any doubters that money has made them a formidable force. They would have played the final quarter at full strength and the presence of an extra back-row forward might have prevented David Rees from scoring the try that put Sale back into a tie that was moving rapidly away from them.

It was one of three critical decisions made by Chris White, all of which went Sale's way on a day when they scarcely deserved it. Yet White had no doubt about their validity: a penalty try in the first half allowed Sale to look upwards from the abyss of a 19-3 deficit: Moore's dismissal for dangerous use of the feet imbalanced the teams; and an off-the-ball scruffle between Adrian Hadley and Jim Fallon was awarded Hadley's way and allowed Simon Mannix to kick the points that edged Sale ahead a minute

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The penalty try was awarded for a high tackle on Mannix by Adrian Boyd only a couple of metres away from the referee; the dismissal, again, was under the official's nose after he already had his hand raised for a penalty to Rich-mond for a collapsed maul. Moore, in possession, continued to drive over a recumbent Sale forward and White

reached for the red card. Moone's reaction was one of incredulity, while his club will consider, probably today, whether they need to take



Yates keeps Sale in touch against Richmond at Heywood Road on Saturday, with a try from a tapped penalty early in the second half

action themselves. The man-datory punishment is a 60-day, suspension, but Moore said that "in the circumstances, I would consider fighting that. It was no 60-day offence." He makes the point that players in the southern hemisphere do not contest lost causes and the game is better for it, but, until players in Great Britain adopt the same approach, referees will continue to take such

"Brian has been fantastic for us this year," John Kingston, the Richmond director of coaching, said. "He is a major reason why the team spirit is

During Kingston's 21 years as chief coach, Richmond's seniors have not received a yellow card, never mind a red one, and he feels that good discipline is one of the side's great attributes.

John Mitchell, the Sale coach, admitted that he had seen far worse than this offence in his native New Zea-land. "If a person is deliberately killing the ball, he must be rucked away," Mitchell said, agreeing that Moore's departure was critical. It forced Richmond to remove Paul Carr, their lock, so that Andy Cuthbert could take the field to hook, and Ben Clarke

moved into the second row. Since Rees's try, well-taken though it was, came from a set scrum, the lack of cover needs no elucidation.

In the first quarter, Sale had done everything possible to throw the game away. A popped-up pass by Dewi Morris gave Andy Moore the easiest of interception tries; Beim, standing in at full back for Jim Mallinder (absent with influenza), ran himself into trouble and conceded a penalty; offside and lineout obstruction created two more and Mason kicked the goals. Much of the first half resembled nothing more than a

game of rugby league played by rugby union clubs (five of the participants have played the other code), with all the lack of variety that implies. Though Sale turned round only 22-16 down, they found Richmond in imperious mood. running incisively against them so that Quinnell and Hutton were able to send

Mason over for a second try. Yates bullocked his way over from a tapped penalty, but Mason's sixth penalty goal gave Richmond a nine-point cushion. "In the period after half-time, Richmond played the new laws just the way they should be played," Mitchell said. "Possibly after Moore was sent off, they went into their shells a bit. It has been difficult getting through to the team that the scrum is the best attacking platform under the new laws. Certainly, this was a game

of far more scrums than lineouts, which speaks volumes for both teams' ability to recycle ball though not necessarily their good use of it. Yet cometh the hour ... Rees, 22, the wing whose season has been haunted by a back injury and hamstring problems, re-placed the injured Devereux and received almost his first touch of the ball when Erskine

Orrell go to extra lengths to secure progress

Badford

By MICHAEL AYLWIN

IT IS difficult to know w. to start in describing extraordinary Pilkington tie. Orrell won, but that h ly tells the whole story doing so they continue revival begun a fortnight with their first league wi the season against \ Hardepool. How long can sustain this improven remains to be seen. I w*e*re less than convin against their visitors from second division on Sature Nevertheless, they won game late in extra time, l ing been reduced to 14 me the 48th minute. Rich Higgs, the open-side flan was controversially sent for an off-the-ball inci-

Paramore's introduct Hitchmough landed a pen goal to bring Orrell leve 19-19 and prolong an er

Paul Turner, the Bedi player-coach who had b tackle in the sixth minute, exasperated at how care his team had been with lead, while Peter Willia the Orrell coach, feit that t should have won in the 80 minutes. In truth, neji side was particularly wor of a win, they were both so

with Ian Skingsley, the I ford No 8. Skingsley lucky not to go with him, he was immediately repla anyway by Junior Param who had been stuck in tri on the M6. along with that of S McCurrle, the rampas hooker, shortly afterwi served as a vigorous filli Bedford's approach work twice they had seemingly the match. Victory was ini ly denied by the last kid normal time, with which

Mannix celebrates his

late conversion for Sale

and Dewi Morris broke from

a scrum. Rees cut back inside his scrum half, swerved

through the cover in the

manner that has earned him

the soubriquet of "Billy Whiz"

and veered outside Mason to

the posts. Mannix converted

and his penalty goal, after

Fallon was perceived to have

offered the first punch in his

wrestling contest with Hadley,

Even then, 14-man Rich-

mond forced their way into a

position from which Mason

could drop for goal, but Mannix charged down the

attempt and added insult to

injury by kicking the penalty

goal when West was ruled

offside at the other end in

exactly the same circum-

gave Sale the lead.

strewn match. Bedford seemed to have game won again early in e time with tries from Ma Offiah, who had an others miscrable afternoon, and Whetstone, which opened a 31-22 lead, yet Hitchmo had by then given Orrell v proved to be the decisive e when he kicked a sin penalty goal. Paul Ha further closed the gap w he went in under the p after some poor Bedford fending at the end of the period, and the coup de gr was applied by the vete Nigel Heslop midy through the second perior

from perfect; but it was so spectacle, nonetheless.

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Cheltenham put on country style

Cheltenham ...

GIANTS against minnows, Pilkington Cup fifth round. The top guns, lucky souls, even get a cushy home tie against the unknowns from the country. Easy, easy.

Harlequins were never in danger of losing this tie at the freezing Stoop, or, rather, the new Stoop. The £5 million East Stand was fully operational for the first time and the cosy hospitality boxes, with their food, drinks and colour. televisions, looked splendidly

warm and inviting.
Outside, in a wind that had "made in the Arctic" stamped upon it, Harlequins scored nine tries to one. This was no sad day or dismal performance by the men from Cheltenham, however.

Indeed, convincing proof that the heart of English rugby -continues to beat strongly in

Full details from the Pilkington Cup 31

get off light

the shires was offered by Cheltenham. This was their cup final and they enjoyed it to the last. Six coach-loads of noisy supporters made their presence felt. The players were applauded off by all at the end and then returned by popular request for another bow. They deserved it, too.

That Harlequins inhabit another world is manifestly apparent, but not once did Cheltenham tug the forelock in acknowledgement of their esteemed opponents. The splendidly combative back row of Buxton, Morris and Masters tackled every opponent they could reach.

Oakey, too, battled diligently and the midfield put in more tackles on those famous Harlequin names than the likes of Gloucester, London I Irish and Orrell in earlier league matches.

Pace told in the end, and the craft of Paul and Connolly, the rugby league duo, was decisive in creating scoring oppor-tunities, O'Leary being the main beneficiary, with four. Cheltenham, led by Preedy, the former Gloucester and

their game. They started much the better, lifted themselves when an avalanche threatened at 37-6 with almost half an hour remaining, and then finished the stronger. That took some doing against pro-

fessional players who train full time. The series of injuries that Harlequins suffered after half-time clearly disrupted them, however, With Leonard at lock and Wood briefly in the back row, the Harlequins pack resembled a jigsaw with all its pieces deliberately out of Nevertheless, Andy Cush-

ing, the Cheltenham coach, rightly praised his players' efforts and was looking forward to a lively party at a West Country inn on the way home. "We stuck at it and some of our tackling was outstanding," he said. "We mauled a lot more tidily than them in the first half.

"It was a very spirited performance which will give us confidence in our building process. We learnt that we are capable of playing better rug-by than division four south evel, but we also learnt that the higher up you go the more your mistakes are punished Harlequins handling and pace on the ball was much quicker than ours, too."

Harlequins established a 27-3 lead with the icy wind behind them in the first half. After Preedy had been within three yards of the Harlequins line in an early Cheltenham attack, Connolly scored twice in 11 minutes and Paul scored himself before making

O'Leary's first try. Pilgrim could make nothing of the swirling wind, but, after Watts's second penalty goal, Harlequins added four further tries, three by O'Leary. Cheltenham's spirit was rewarded when the forwards

put Mudway, the scrum half, over for a loudly proclaimed try.

SCORERS: Harlequins: Tries: O'Leary (4).
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CHELTEN-HAM: P. Stanieles; J. Devise, M.
Watts, I. Turner, D. Mongart, M. Crisp, M.
Maudwey, M. Preedy, S. Raicelle, R. Phillips, P.
Bundon, T. Clink, J. Oekey, J. Monts, S.
Massters. Davise replaced by R. Ouchson (5)
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splintered off a maul and

England prop. kept on raising Returner S Savege (Warm

Mapletoft hoping to move in at No 10

BY BRYAN STILES

MARK MAPLETOFT scents success and is in a hurry to achieve it. After missing almost two seasons with a troublesome knee injury, he has been making great strides this season. He added to his growing reputation on Saturday by collecting 30 points for Gloucester in this Pilkington Cup lifth-

round game.

Having recently played for England

A, he must be ranked among the best half-dozen stand-off halves in the country, even though he has played in the position only 16 times for his club-With the England No 10 position producing such animated debate, any-

one provoking such flattering head-

lines as Mapletoft must be taken

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seriously. His displays have drawn criticism, however, particularly about his decision-making and his tactical

One of his strongest supporters and critics — is Richard Hill, his club's director of rugby. ") was cursing him in the first half," Hill said. "He drives you mad at times with what he does, but we knew he would do something, and he did; he scored two uporthodox tries. He is getting better and he has this wonderful flair, but he is very inexperienced."

Hill clearly does not want to see one of his blossoming players wilning under any effort to rush him to the top too mickly. Mapletoft had an errorstrewn first 20 minutes against a lively Leeds side who operate in the third division of the Courage Clubs Champlonship, two levels below Gloucester. He had more than made up for that

well before the end. He startled the

opposition by encouraging the un-Gloucester-like tactic of starting attacks from inside their own 22. The Gloucester supporters, fed on

the raw meat of forward battles over the years at Kingsholm, must have been a little bemused, but still managed to applaud. Hill is certainly changing Gloucester's ways. Here they were clearly the more proficient team for most of the game, their extra speed and power paving the way for a shoal of points, but Leeds battled hard, even when the tide of cherry and white poured over them in the final quarter. The Leeds pack was led by Phil Davies, that redoubtable Wales lock,

who added a touch of steel to the forward exchanges and did his share of ball stealing in the lineout. Leeds's only scores in the first half

were two penalty goals by Ainscough in answer to three from Mapletoft and tries from Lloyd and Sims, which gave

came when he saw the action moving to the right and took off on a huge loop to the left. The other arrived when he rounded off a piercing attack by chipping over the defence and beating

everyone to the touchdown.

they could not resist.

Gloucester a 21-6 lead at the interval.

Leeds's hopes soared when the scores

narrowed to 29-20, but Gloucester

developed an attacking rhythm that

The highlights of the spree were two

individual tries by Mapletoft. His first

SCORERS: Gloucester: Tries: Lloyd (2), Smg, Benton, Mepleroft (2), Glarwille Conversions: Mapletolt (4), Penalty goals: Mapletoft (4), Leeds: Morgan, penalty ty Conversions: Tupulatu (2), Penalty goals: Ainscough (2), Gloucestreft: C Cating: M Patient, D Castue, M Roberts, M Lloyd: M Mapletoft, S Benton; A Windo, P Greening, A Deacon, P Glarwille, R Fidler, D Sims, I Smith, S Deversux.

LEEDS: S Tupulotu; R Methins, D Edwarde, P Johnson, M Appleson, G Anscough, M Cawthorn, G Baldwin, M Lutimen, M Shelley, N Groon, P Davies, C Radacanu, P Griffin, J Ashcrott, Anscough replaced by R Morgan (40mm)

Guscott lifts storm clouds | Preston fall to late barrage

London Irish0

THERE was no edge to this Pilkington Cup fifth round match at all. It was shapeless, rather drab and ultimately saved from disappearing into the mists of the memory by the intense cold and flashes of brilliance from Jeremy Guscott. Perhaps the fact that there was no edge on the pitch was just as well because Bath

By JOHN HOPKING

have enough going on off it for the time being.

The length of Bath's injury list is the least of their worries. Six internationals, including Phil de Glanville and Mike Catt, were unavailable because of injury. It says much for Bath, the Cup holders, that, even with so many absentees, they prevented London Irish from scoring

any points, as well as running in five tries themselves. More worrying for Bath. however, are the repercussions of a fracas in a local wine bar after the stunning victory over Harlequins on December 7. Celebrations allegedly ended with the police being called and one player clambering on to the top of a police car and then racing off into the night when faced with arrest. In a separate incident John Hall, the director of rugby, was arrested and has been released on police bail

until January 17.

More worrying than that is Guscott silky running

the fact that the controversy surrounding Brian Ashton. the club's coach, drags on. The first question asked about Bath on Saturday evening was whether they had beaten London Irish and the answer was obviously a resounding yes. Hall put it rather well when he said that Guscott "had turned their pressure into our points", which is the

better than any other club. The second question was about Ashton, the much admired coach. "Brian is still part of the club," Hall, who is a central figure in this issue, said. "He is on holiday and remains so until the end of the week. I am optimistic he will still be part of the club when he returns from holiday at the end of next week."

sort of thing that Bath do

Perhaps it is surprising in view of all this that Bath played as well as they did. Yet



there is no reason why a club as well organised and with as many outstanding players as Bath cannot cope without their coach for a couple of weeks. All they need do is turn to some of the senior players and work out how to play, and this is what happened last week. Andy Robinson and Jon Callard did most of the planning with some input

They did not play particularly well, though. It was 12-0 after nearly 70 minutes and Willie Anderson, the director of rugby at London Irish, felt that, until then, his side had done almost all he expected of them. They had held Bath to two tries and had put them under fierce pressure for ten minutes after half-time when Bath were unable to get out of their own 22.

This passage of play, though, summed up the difference between the teams. Bath defended well and then, the moment they relieved the pressure, they scored. They created situations from which Guscott, with his silky running, could score his three tries. London Irish have a long way to go.

SCORERS: Beth. Tries: Guscott (3) Singhtholme, Parry Conversione: Callard BATH: J Callard: J Roberton, M Peny, J Guscott, J Skeptifickine; R Bulland, I Sanders: D Högon G Franct: V Ubogu, Thomas, B Haag, M Radman, D Lyko, S Olomoh Hilton replaced by J Mallett Calland

LONDON IRISH: C O'Shea, N Woods, R Henderson, P Flood, J Bashop: S Burns, P Richards: L Mooney, R Kellam, G Halpin, K O'Connell, M O'Kelly, J Davidson, K Dawson, B Walsh Referee: E Morrison (Bristol)

Preston Grasshoppers 11 Northampton40

By Christopher Irvine

THERE are lies, statistics and the odd damned winning margin. Not even the Northampton supporter knocking back the alfresco hot toddies at a frozen Lightfoot Green could penetrate his drunken haze and believe that the scoreboard on Saturday bore any resemblance to the truth.

Northampton pulled Preston apart at the finish cruelty to Grasshoppers, you could call it - but, until a stampede of 21 points in the last 11 minutes, the team three leagues below their illustrious opponents had set a trap from which escape looked unlikely. until Northampton's survival instinct finally took over.

Ahead by Il-5 at the break,

Preston dallied with the notion of their name in the draw today for the sixth round of the Pilkington Cup. However, a dangerous assumption had, within two minutes of the restart, become a hopeless pursuit as Northampton got in front and then consolidated Gregor Townsend's decisive try with a belated flourish.

Even when Nick Beal stepped off either foot for the last and easily the best of Northampton's six tries, selfcongratulation was conspicuously absent. Beal's second score and Paul Grayson's fifth conversion on the ground

where he learnt his rugby

could not disguise just how uncomfortable Preston had made their afternoon.

Only the perpetual dynamism of Tatupu, the scorer of Northampton's only try in a woebegone first half, spared an anonymous back row deserved punishment. Tim Rodber's hapless tackling. poor positional play and general indecision have been exposed recently at international level. Here, the problems were exposed by junior opposition from the fourth division north. who also succeeded in keeping Pountney, one of the best young open-side flankers in the country, quiet.

From Grayson, whom Pres-ton converted from a footballer at Accrington Stanley after he turned up at the Grasshoppers' clubhouse for a drink, there had been fair warning. Opposite him at stand-off half on Saturday. Steve Kerry, a

Grayson: felt at home

returnee from eight years rugby league, offered m touches and variety initia including a crash ball m with the lively Chesworth to opened up the Northamp defence for lan Ashton

Kerry, however, found to Grayson was the more home with the caprici winds at Preston's expo ground. A straightforw missed kick, Kerry's fou cost Preston the lead for second time. Townsend's his one effective contributi was simplicity itself fron lineout, one area where Nor ampton were untroubled, a was the incentive that t required. Although unproductive,

last attack belonged, approately, to Preston, even thou Northampton's greater fitn had by then exacted a her toll. Phillips and Beal er scored from tapped penal and again in open play. On scoreboard, Preston had be well beaten, but a crowd 3,000 knew otherwise a showed their appreciation. SCORERS: Preston Grasshoppers: 1 SCORERS: Preston Grasshoppers: 1
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The golden moments of the sporting year are recalled in a new series by Times writers

Tendulkar opens the door to a whole new world

When the cricket World Cup was in year began pav-ilioned in splendour need of resuscitation, the change was and girded with stunning. Michael Henderson saw it all quaise. In front of a crowd of pl.000 Indians, who were Gere to see Sachin Tenpulkar, the local champion, mid their team to victory. Ustralia brought the cricket of orld Cup to life in magnifilunchtime, bint style in Bombay. O'There are not many games

graph, and I lost our sense of grone-day cricket that remain th the memory, but the day-thehter on February 27 was geography and ended up at the wrong entrance, having to buc. It would be fairer to say that it was an outstanding thatch that took place in a efficient army officer, lathi in etnited-overs context, for, in

rms of intensity and skill, it name as close to matching thest cricket as a one-day tiume ever will. Australia won W. 16 runs, and deserved to, that the quality of Tendulkar's canings, and the occasion welf, ensured that there was Cr more to the day than finning and losing. biThe sense of expectation

O'as palpable. All India finsed that the World Cup tras returning to their keepthe. Their team had just axten West Indies, with nendulkar flaying the bowlirg, and Australia. who resed to go to Sri Lanka Obcause they feared for their theurity, had yet to play a eaningful competitive thatch. To be frank, the first Fvo weeks of the World Cup nmounted to a phoney war, Shd cannot have engaged the reterest of many people beBombay changed all that. Just walking to the ground at through crowds, was a special thrill. It was no surprise that Mark Nicholas, of The Daily Tele-

cross a railway line to reach the Wankhede Stadium. At that point an extremely



hand, confiscated the (English) newspapers I had brought insisting that they represented a fire hazard that could not be tolerated. When Nicholas stepped in with an equally brisk command, that English journalists would brook no restriction of their duties by a mere underling, he submitted.

That incident bore the stamp of the World Cup.



a: Mark Waugh lights the fuse of a compelling contest

tional connetition, it was run less capably than a parish

day Telegraph, who had arrived in Bombay that morning without accreditation, was able to breeze through the soldiers defending the ground from ticketless invaders. Simon Mann, of the BBC, on the other hand, had to fight his way in and witnessed those soldiers bringing down their lathis on the bodies of a roup of bona fide ticket-

After that it was plain

sailing. Australia won the toss and Mark Waugh became the first man to make two successive centuries in the World Cup, sharing a century opening stand with Mark Taylor, his captain, and going on to make a brilliant 126 from 135 balls. When he was run out Australia were 232 for four, but the remaining six wickets went down for 26 runs, the last four to successive balls. Five batsmen were run out, and a total of 258 appeared to be within India's reach.

It took Australia fewer than six overs to reshape the game, as Damien Fleming removed the India openers while, at the other end, McGrath conceded only four runs in his first four

It was then that Tendulkar decided to counter-attack in the most thrilling way, and for the next hour the cricket was (a cliché, but true) breath First he took three bound-

arles off McGrath, then he hit

15 from the howler's next over. including a six smashed over mid-wicket from a ball only iractionally short of a length Taylor decided that it was time to summon Shane winner, and Tendulkar was not going to shirk the challenge. There followed a passage of great cricket that brought glory to both players. Tendulkar wound himself up to thrash Warne's first ball to the boundary, but might have perished either to the third ball, which Stuart Law got a hand to at mid-off, or the fifth, which flew past Taylor's



Warne ten runs as Tendulkar raced to an extraordinary fifty

Even when Fleming forced Azharuddin to play on, Tendulkar did not draw breath. He had made 90 superb runs from 83 balls when he was drawn to meet an off spinner from Mark Waugh that was called wide. Waugh did not repine! Jan Healy whipped off the bails for his 200th dismissal in oneday internationals and a glo-

rious innings was over. The crowd rose to him and by now, with the floodlights on and the whole city, it seemed, vibrating, a wonderful day had become unforgettable.

India did not give up the game. Manjrekar made a fine half-century and Mongia batted valiantly, but the return of Fleming and the introduction of Steve Waugh proved vital. Fleming ended with five for 36, figures that would normally give a bowler the man-

new stadium or adding bits

on to one. Wembley.

Newcastle. Sunderland,

Charlton, Bramall Lane in

Sheffield, next door to Elland

Road, in Leeds. All this activi-

ty, however, is centred on the richer football clubs in the top

two divisious and the national

team. Down in the lower

Last week it became tough-

er. The Football Trust, which

takes money from the football

pools companies and gives it

to clubs so that they can

comply with the Taylor re-

port, ensuring all-seater stadi-ums. says that it is running

out of cash. Because of the

National Lottery, there is less

spending on the pools. According to Richard Falkener,

the vice-chairman of the trust,

it had expected about £200

million between 1990 and

2000. Now it has revised this

forecast down to £165 million,

divisions, it is pretty tough.

of-the-match award in a game of 500 runs. On this day of days, though, it was Mark Waugh who took the palm.

What of Warne? After that expensive first over, he bowled the next nine for only 18 runs. It was a magnificent performance, for never once did India's batsmen trust themselves to get after him as Tendulkar had done. Australia's fourth matchwinner was Taylor, the captain, who set

59 runs and handled the side in the field later with a master's touch. These were all proper cricketing skills exer-

cised in a one-day game. Although Australia were to enjoy an even more remarkable victory over West Indies in the semi-final at Chandigarh, this was the best day of the World Cup, and it was never better than during that gilded early evening when one great player, Warne, was

grant, the idea of spending £220 million on rebuilding

Wembley or £65 million mov-

ing Newcastle United half a

mile up the road from from St

dulkar, as an excited crowd watched agog.

turned to his hotel that night intoxicated by what he had seen, grateful to have been present and resolving never to forget. At such times this job seems the best in the world.

POMORROW Andrew Longmore on the

Young blades head down under

WAS a dank December Fi and the Thames was not blue, sparkling waterway it is during the balnry of summer. It was not the e to be if comfort was a Hing aim, and even more athe place to be if there was choice to be had in the (2) Why were those 20-odd

hoking young chaps mess-Aubout on the river on that spitable morning? Were performing some act of munal contrition? They a not - they actually ted to be there.

ne boys were members of rowing club at King's ege School. Wimbledon, T they were voluntarily eng up a week of their istmas holidays to prepare he high spot of their young ting lives.

hen KCS was founded, it situated in The Strand, in 5don, but in 1877 moved out c site on Wimbledon Com-Pi. It lives there still, and as of its centenary next Irch is sending 25 oarsmen Whe New Zealand schools Empionships on Lake Japiro in North Island. bryanised schools rowing

How Zealand is 50 years old ly year, and the hosts are ling schools from Canada, United States, South Afri-Australia and Japan as il as KCS, the only British alol making the trip. The 15 - ten seniors and 15 oors - will compete in the radi Cup, the New Zealand lional trophy. Heats start March 18 with repechages F semi-finals to follow. V New Zealand final and an Eseas final will be followed The first three teams in each bing in an international ul, competing for specially

Lied commemorative med-

n After the championships



IN SCHOOLS the KCS party will go on to

regattas in Blenheim, Christ-

church and Queenstown. The master in charge of rowing at KCS is Tony Brook. whose curriculum vitae includes membership of the world championship-winning New Zealand VIII in 1982. Brook, 43, who also teaches design and technology at the school, sets high standards, but not so high that he wants the boys to remember their time on the water as a chore.

"We're not going out there to lose, naturally, and we have got a good chance of doing well out there, but my main aim has always been to encourage the boys to keep on rowing when they leave the ten gold medals, one silver

school," he said. "Rowing has been a sport for life for me and, if I can give the boys the wish to carry on when they go out into the world, I'll be well

> Brook is also anxious that the team does not spend all its time in New Zealand in the grim business of international competition. "On a tour of this nature, it is important that the boys and the four staff experience all New Zealand has to offer." he said. "We'll be doing some sight-seeing, which will include

white-water rafting, jet boat-ing, air safaris and whale watching, as well as visits to cultural centres in Auckland and Rotorua." Hectic it might be, a little tiring, even. Boredom, however, does not seem likely to figure on the agenda. The school has a long tradi-

tion of rowing, but one of the most important moves to raise its profile was the purchase, in 1993, of the Barclays Bank boathouse, which is now the base for the Cambridge University crew in the Boat Race. Brook took over the rowing programme in 1989 and has since guided school teams to

ional schools' championships. Brook is developing sculling as a speciality, and has his sights set on the Fawley Cup at the Henley Royal Regatta as well as hoping to form an VIII to race at championship level and compete in the Princess Elizabeth Cup there. The school has dipped generously into the coffers for the boys to make this journey, but it not likely that it would have been possible without the commitment of an energetic parents' support group, which has raised more than £20,000 for

The parents have been tremendously supportive," Brook said. "They have been a vital part of our success in recent years." As he spoke in the upstairs bar of the boathouse, boys were lower-ing themselves into the water with a palpable air of Christmas was coming -

but out there on the grim, grey Tideway, turkey, crackers and £150 million of which has holly were a million miles already been spent. from the thoughts of those The trust has now imposed youthful enthusiasts. In their moratorium on payments. We had hoped to implement minds' eye, they were already on the other side of the world. the Taylor report throughout

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the divisions," Falkener said, "but we are now faced with such a shortage of money that, unless something materialises quickly, that is not going to be possible."

So what can be done? The annual survey of football club finances by the accountants, Deloitte & Touche, showed that the difference between rich and poor in football is even more marked than between the beach haciendas and the slums of São Paulo. Most lower division teams live a hand-to-mouth existeace, relying on the crumbs from the Premiership table by way of transfer fees (under threat stready because of the Bosman ruling) and cup-ties. For those that have not already had their development

James Park to Castle Leases is as remote as an away fixture at Carlisle United. There could, however, be a solution. Richard Baldwin, of Deloitte, has lobbied the Government long and hard about the issue of tax relief on

Ready substitute for trust funds

football stands. If Torquay United were a leisure company and decided to build a hotel, it could write off the cost of the building against its tax.
If that hotel had sporting facilities, they would be allowable against tax as well. However, the cost of building a new stand at Plainmoor would not be allowed, despite it being essential for Torquay's business. Indeed, the £120 million grant being given to Wembley for its rebuilding is actually going to lead to the Government getting £20 million more in tax just from its construction.

On the face of it, granting this tax relief for building stands would do no good, as these struggling clubs have no taxable profit to offset the tax against, but the trick is to strike a fairly run-of-the-mill leasing deal with a bank or finance company which can use the tax relief, so saving about a third of the cost of the building.

The concession needs only to be in place for three to five years, allowing the shortfall in the Football Trust income to be made up. By then most of the building work would have been done and the Government could go back to its rather unsympathetic attitude towards sporting facilities.

The argument against this move is that it would reward the big clubs more than the small ones. For example, Newcastle United would be able to claim back £20 million in tax on its Castle Leases scheme and Sunderland would receive a £5 million cheque to help its move from Roker Park

However, if this is the cost of saving a quarter of British football clubs from bankruptcy and avoiding another disaster such as Hillsborough, then is it not a price worth paying?

JASON NISSÉ

CYCLING: MARKETING POST TEMPTS BRITISH CHAMPION AND RECORD-HOLDER

Lillistone lured into surprise retirement

SIMON LILLISTONE, one of Great training in Australia, said: "It was a Britain's most consistent track internationals, announced his retirement from racing at the age of Z7 on Saturday night (Peter Bryan writes). Lillistone, the winner of a record six national points race titles, made his last appearance in the midnight madison, in Manchester.

A mainstay of the national track team over the past eight years. Lillistone has been tempted away by the offer of a senior marketing post with an American crash helmet manufacturer. Lillistone, from Shrewsbury, who has just returned from difficult decision, but I am retiring as British champion and record-holder." He fought hard to end on a winning

note in the 50-kilometre madison, but could not match the sprinting speed of Peter Pieters and Rob Slippens, the Durch professionals, who scored a clear victory over the Anglo-Danish pairing of Jon Hargreaves and Michael Sandstod. Lillistone and Mattat Pronk, his Dutch

Earlier Manchester had failed to become the first British city to score a match

win in the five-week Euroleague series. Going into the final event, the motorpaced keirin, Manchester led by a single point from Zurich. Peter Jacques, the British keirin champion, was experted to clinch the match, but, while fighting for pole position with Rob Jefferies, of London, they tangled and fell. The judges disqualified Jacques and Jefferies, leaving

Zurich to score an easy match victory. Andy Wilkinson beat Cedric Flasse, the Belgian champion, on his international track pursuit debut, winning their 4,000 metres match by 4.06sec in 4min 41.99sec.



The KCS first and second VIIIs take training seriously on the Thames last week

RACING: EFFECTS OF PUNCHESTOWN FALL RULE GOLD CUP WINNER OUT OF WEEKEND ENGAGEMENT

Bruising encounter delays Imperial Call

By JULIAN MUSCAT

by Times writers

IMPERIAL CALL, the Cheltenham Gold Cup winner, has . been forced out of the Ericsson Chase at Leopardstown on Saturday after failing to recover from bruising he sustained in a fall at Punchestown two weeks ago.

In another unwelcome development, it emerged yesterday that Rough Quest, second favourite for the King George VI Chase at Kempton on Thursday, will miss the race unless the ground is genuinely

Fergie Sutherland, Imperial Call's trainer, said the gelding

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: CRIMSON KING (3-30 Ludlow) Next best: Lucia Forte (2.00 Ludlow)

would have one more outing in the Hennessy Cognac Irish Gold Cup — before returning to Cheltenham to defend his crown. Making his seasonal reappearance, the seven-year-old fell at the final fence when poised for victory at Punchestown. Sutherland originally thought his horse had suffered only minor inju-

"He got badly bruised at Punchestown," the trainer said. "The superficial cuts have healed up nicely but he was immensely sore. It was as if he had been at the bottom of a scrum. If he had been a



The winner, Go Ballistic, right, and Unguided Missile fight out the finish of the Betterware Cup at Ascot

lesser horse I might have run him on Saturday, but I am not prepared to risk it."

Imperial Call has been a clear favourite for Cheltenham ever since his convincing victory in the Gold Cup in March. However, no horse has won consecutive runnings since L'Escargot 25 years ago. Although Sutherland is unconcerned by the setback to

imperial Call, doubtless those who trade in the Gold Cup "Jinx" theory will be quick to raise the point.

Rough Quest, who chased home Imperial Call at Cheltenham, was schooled over six fences by Mick Fitzgerald yesterday. The ten-year-old's trainer, Terry Casey, said: The horse schooled brilliansly. We were all very happy and everything is fine with the horse. He is a tough old sofirm up pretty quickly at Kempton, so it is in everyone's and-so; the Folkestone outing best interests to know in has blown away the cobwebs. advance that he won't run But Casey warned that Rough Quest would be withunless it is proper good

ground." drawn from the King George without hesitation" if the In that respect, the weather forecast is not favourable. Little or no rain is predicted ground dries up. The going is officially good at the moment and the cold snap is expected but there is a lot of drying to extend into the weekend. wind about," he said. "It can This has prompted the British

(£2,528: 2m) (15 numers)

Horseracing Board to arrange a Boxing Day fixture for Lingfield's all-weather track at short notice. The traditional festive audience will be hoping the weather relents; all ten meetings scheduled last year fell victim to Arctic conditions.

Rough Quest's possible defection from the King George failed to generate a rethink among connections of Sound Man, who seems certain to bypass the contest. Edward O'Grady, who trains Sound Man, emphasised the horse's entry was confirmed last week only in the event that Richard Dunwoody, his regular rider. became available. Dunwoody is honour-bound to partner One Man, the winner 12 months ago.

Dunwoody came perilously close to missing the King George when kicked at Ascot on Saturday by Perfect Pal, his mount in the Mitie Group Kennel Gate Novices' Hurdle. After falling at the second flight. Perfect Pal caught Dunwoody on the thigh, split-ting his boot and causing the jockey to limp conspicuously throughout the afternoon.

However, after having physiotherapy on his injured leg yesterday, he expects no problems come Thursday. "I never planned to ride before Boxing Day anyway," he said.

Dunwoody landed the Betterware Cup at Ascot aboard Unguided Missile 12 months ago but the combination was bettered on Saturday by John O'Shea's Go Ballistic, who made the most of a 25lb

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Flying Dettori takes high rank on presents list

Tithout further ado. this column announces its Christmas present winners for 1996, a memorable year in many respects. There were glittering victories abroad, a seven-timer at Ascot, further controversies over the whip, political unrest and a stirring battle for the Flat trainers' championship.

To Frankie Dettori: A sixpart introductory crashcourse in gymnastics. Having perfected the flying dismount, Dettori can now expand his repertoire. His next objective must be a double-twisting back somersault - with pike.

To Pat Eddery: Nothing more than acknowledgement of the fact that he, not Dettori, is the champion jockey of 1996.

To Michael Stoute: A map of Great Britain. Having successfully campaigned in Germany, France, Canada, Japan and Hong Kong in recent months, the Newmarket-based trainer could be forgiven for losing his way to the Rowley Mile. Stoute's record overseas earnings in 1996 comfortably exceeded those accrued by Saced bin Suroor, the champion trainer in Britain.

To Saeed bin Suroor: Sincere congratulations on a remarkable season, together with a deed to change his name. By making it more "Western-friendly". those handing out pre-Christmas awards, like Lord Wakeham, may learn to pronounce it correctly.

To Lord Wakeham: A fiveyear extension to his term as chairman of the British Horseracing Board. Even if he is quick on the uptake, it will take him that long to fathorn how this complicated industry works.

To Lord Wyatt (and his management team at Tote House): A free daily ticket for the "Lucky Numbers" game, to be donated by grateful bookmakers. In case Wyatt hadn't realised it. this new game has all but usurped the scope for a weekly "Superbet". Why should Ladbrokes and William Hill install the requisite Tote Direct terminals now?

To Henry Cecil: A sheath for the ceremonial dagger presented by Sheikh Mohammed after the Champion Stakes. If no longer friends, they are not enemies. The 1996 season showed that racing is big enough for them both.

To Wafic Said: A medal for keeping his Bosra Sham and Lady Carla in training two fillies will smother the three-year-olds of owners who invariably retire them prematurely.

To John McCririck: The booby prize after insisting. on coast-to-coast television across the North America, that Mark Of Esteem was a certainty for the Breeders' Cup Mile, As one Canadian journalist succinctly wrote after the colt ran unplaced: "And anyway, you don't need help to identify a 6-5

To David Nicholson: Another brainwave to complement the £50,000 raised for charity via the "Magnificent Seven" racing plates. By "The Duke's" own admission, it may be asking too much.

To Richard Dunwoody: The opportunity to look forward to one big race in 1997 without, first having to

To Cheltenham racecourse: A weck-long stint with un-

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derworld experts on the intricacies of growing good

To all clerks of the course: A means of identifying good grass, together with a weekong stint observing the fate of underworld experts who

pedal anything else. To all jump jockeys: A more prodent approach towards taking rides on horses they

den. To the Jockey Club: Plaudits for their measured assurance in dealing with the Richard Davis tragedy, together with increased vigilance in their selection of racecourse stewards now charged with interpreting the whip instructions.

To bookmakers' man Tom Kelly. The award of the Nobel prize for medicine in unearthing the perfect cure for insomnia.

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AGISTMENT, the highly-regarded novice, could run next in the Challow Hurdle at Newbury on Saturday. The Jimmy Fitzgerald-trained gelding stamped himself a fine prospect when beating Mighty Moss at Uttoxeter last Friday. He now steps up in class to contest the £25,000-added grade one race as a stepping stone to the Sun Alliance Hurdle at Cheltenham. A 14-strong entry for the two mile five furlong race also includes the

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3.30 (2m list) 1, Sildin On (Gary Lyons 16-1); 2, Meadon Hymn (16-1), 3, Meny Masquerado (20-1) Breath Of Scandal 3-4 14 ran 51, 131 P Eydrs Tote (24-50 24 10, 94 30, 95 70, 0F \$148.20 Trior not worn CSF \$256.47

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(33-1) 7 Fark 3.10 1, Marinoss Minor (5-5-5as) 2, Kendisi Caratier (5-2): 3, Germins s Wingor (42-1) 5 ran NR Mystic Marine 3.40 1, Arkley Royal (4-6-tax): 2, Sman-akannof (10-1): 3, Repeal Citier (3-1): 10 ran NR Good Time Dancer

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12.55 1, Lord Gyllene (6-4 Sar); 2, Sarkr Jim (5-1), 3, Controyland Lehes (9-1), Gran NR What's Your Story 1.30 1, Marchaor (7-2 (-1an) 2, Coole Hit 17-2 (-1an); 3, Titly (12-1), 13 ran 2.05 1, Art Prince (8-11 taut; 2, Plessey Boy (12-1); 3, Baroncell (14-1) 3 ran NR. Perning Marach Myslic Court 2.55 1, Additionatic (5-2) 2, Caty Boy (3-1), 3, Express Gift (11-2) Outset 2-1 for 6 nm NR High Grade, Mirr-Lou-And 3.05 1, Geneto (4-7 lav); 2, Robins Profe (8-1); 3, Rolle (2-1); 4 ran NR Who is Equation. 3.35 1, Charrymore (Evens law): 2. Benetis-In-Kind (6-1), 3. Pot Black Uk (4-1), 15 can NR. El Crani. Senor.

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FROST is threatening today's scheduled meetings, Kelso and Ludlow, Kelso has an inspection planned for 7.30, while Ludlow inspects half an hour later. The Boxing Day racing

programme is also likely to be disrupted by sub-zero temperatures. Kempton is expecting frosts every night in the run-up to the Pertemps King George VI meeting, while Market Rasen and Wetherby are facing a battle against the chilly weather.

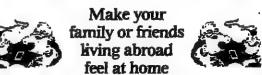
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Sally Jones saddles up and joins the Pony Club for the long countdown to the Horse of the Year Show

The junior cavalry prepare to charge

arena erupts into a deafening cacophony of high-pitched cheer ng as half-a-dozen excited nonies gallop down the ring like cavalry chargers. Their young riders throw them-cives off and sprint along a ow of "stepping stones" (up-urned buckets) before vaultng back into the saddle and alloping for the line to hand over to the next member of the eam. One boy accidentally inocks over a bucket and has o renegotiate the line, losing us team precious seconds in the process, while the parents, naches and hundreds of frantic supporters cream themselves hoarse.

It is a typical scene from the final night of the Prince Philip up, the Pony Club mounted nes championship, when the knowledgeable Horse of he Year Show crowd, swelled by shricking nine-year-olds, loes wild after the high tenion and split-second precision the week's showjumping hampionships.

This is the glamorous aspect of the sport, the mounted sames equivalent of the Cup Final; athletic, steely-eyed 14rear-olds, most with spidery. dolescent limbs dwarfing heir tough, eager ponies, all irilled within an inch of their

This month Robert Noble, a etired farmer, has already started his preparations for e 1997 competition with about 40 youngsters ranging n age from seven to 14 on ough-coated ponies, going hrough their paces on a beach at Ayr, for up to three hours,

By April Noble, the trainer of the Eglinton Pony Club side, which has dominated the vent since 1976, winning the itle for the past five years, will nave picked two junior (under 2) and two senior (under 15) ies with five children in

"Selection day is the worst ime of the year," he said. because some of the children break their hearts when they're left out." Several of the ucky ones will have moved up from the junior A team last year to the senior B team, or from the senior B into the coveted A side, which will start among the favourites for the 1997 Prince Philip Cup.

It is easy for outsiders to gungho free-for-all for the moneyed middle classes. In fact, says Noble, who started training the Eglinton side in 1976 when his 13-year-old daughter. Eunice, first took part, the participants come from a wide variety of backgrounds, many on leased or

"A good, well-trained pony will change hands for £1,500 to £2,000, sometimes double that, but a lot of the kids without that sort of money behind them train up their own ponies, often paying as

borrowed ponies.

little as £75. The beauty of mounted



games, particularly when the children are putting in so much time and effort to train, is the confidence and character it gives them and the way it builds teamwork. We had our first win at Wembley in 1978 and it was the high point of those children's lives

Andrew Kirk, 15, from a Northamptonshire compre hensive, is a veteran of four Prince Philip Cup sides and a member of the Oakley Hunt West Pony Club since 1990. He gave me some tips on tech-nique at the British Equestrian Centre at Stoneleigh, in Warwickshire. After the display of bending,

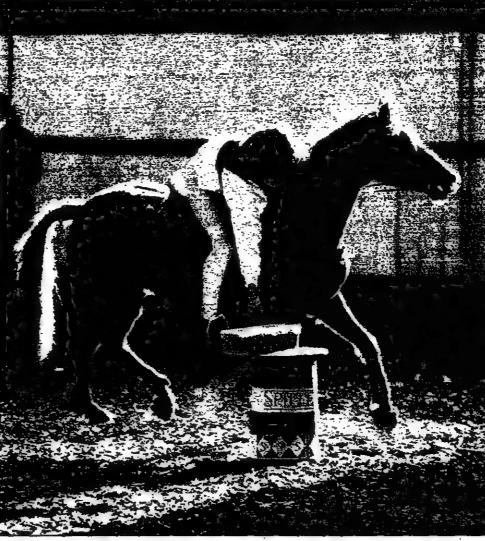
ick races, flag races and the like, given by youngsters from the Cheshire Hunt and Rockwood Harriers, including two tiny nine-year-olds on frisky greys. I was lent Troy. and shown the intricacies of the rope race. In this, two competitors canter side by side, holding a short rope between them as they weave in and out of bending poles. At the far end of the arena, one of the pair lets go of the rope, allowing another rider to take his place. The new pairing then "bends" back down the row of poles to the other end. where the final team member is waiting to take the place of the original rider.

nce I was paired with the rider of one of the tiny greys, I discovered the problem of getting two different-sized ponies to canter together at the same speed and of persuading the pony on the outside of each bend to go faster to stay level. First I kicked Troy into too fast a canter, let go of the rope and had to return to where the break occurred. I then neckreined him across into one of the poles, sending it flying (in a real race. I would have ha to replace it myself to avoid disqualification). Troy and my young partner kept their tempers and we finished with a flourish.

Next came the steppingstone race. I watched in awe as Andrew galloped his pony at full speed to the line of buckets, threw himself off, still at a gallop, and tiptoed along the line, while the pony trotted beside him. He vaulted back on with ease and galloped for the finish, completing the entire leg inside ten seconds.

My first attempt was far more demure, "Vault off side-





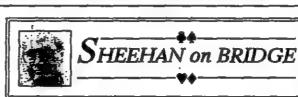


'there's no time for a formal dismount - and keep the pony trotting beside you while you run along the buckets, counting them as you go to get the rhythm. The moment you're off the last one, vault back up. No. don't hop about like that: keep facing forwards and bounce up with both feet from just ahead of the saddle, gripping the mane with your left hand and the front of the saddle with your right then swing your right leg over his back and go for it."

After much hopping and ways," Andrew suggested, swinging, I achieved a vault

and knocked over only two stepping-stones. "Passable with about five years' hard practice," came the verdict.
"What I love about it is the

competition," Andrew said. "Lots of friendly rivalry. Some navents make a lot of sacrifices for their children to compete. My mum's a care worker and my dad's in the motor trade and they've been really supportive. I want to be an RAF pilot and fitting in my riding is pretty tough, but it's been worth it: going to Wembley was one of the greatest weeks of my life."



BY ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

Some readers may remember The Bedside Book of Bridge published a couple of years ago. Aimed at the mass bridge market, this was a compendium of articles written by the famous and the not-so-famous on all manner of subjects related to bridge, admirably edited by Elena Jeronomidis. A recent publication. More Bedside Bridge, is more of the same. There are many entertaining and instructive articles: this offering, by Ron Klinger, the Australian expert, is entitled "Best Chance First". How would you play as South in 3 NT on the hands below, after the lead of the three of spades?

> **VAK107** +AK3 4QJ109 :: **N**_: 4765 TQ4 +Q942

At the table, declarer went wn quickly. He rose with the king of spades in dummy (correct, as the king is doomed unless the ace is with West). He then took the club finesse: that lost to West, who cashed four more spades for one off. Declarer's play would have been right in 6 NT, since in

that contract four dub tricks would be necessary. However, in 3 NT, after the king of spades wins, declarer has eight top tricks (one spade, three hearts, three diamonds and one club). Only one more trick is needed, and that trick could come from diamonds (3-3 break or J 10 doubleton, making the nine high, or singleton jack or ten with position against East); or from hearts (if the jack drops in

three rounds); or from clubs (if

the finesse works). On this sort of hand, you should first take those chances that do not involve losing the lead (this is known as "echelon play"). The correct play is: first, cash the behave, you have nine tricks. If not, test hearts, playing the queen first, then the ace and king if the jack has not dropped take the club linesse. When the hand occurred at the table, diamonds split 3-3 and so the club finesse was

unnecessary.

More Bedside Bridge. edited by Elena Jeronimidis, is available from Mr Bridge, Ryden Grange, Bisley, Surrey, GU21 ZTH (tel: 01494 565309); cost £5.99

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WORD-WATCHING

GALLOGLASS a. Condemned man's drink b. A mercenary c. Hemp

GREE

a. A stork

b. Favour c An Amerindian

FRISKET a. A printer's frame b. A sparrow FELAPTON a. A left-handed lyre

WILHARY LINKS

MOUNTED games such as "tent-pegging" and "bending" originated in the cavalry regiments as exercises to improve the chargers' obedience and flexibility and boost the riders' skill.

Soon after the Second World War the Duke of Edinburgh asked Colonel Mike Ansell, the director of the Horse of the Year Show, to devise a cavalry-type training suitable for children on ponies and offered a cup for the winning team.

The event has grown dramatically and now many of the Pony Club's 366 branches from its 19 areas within the United King-dom enter senior teams for the area competitions each May, the first stage on the road to Wembley in the autumn. (The junior finals are staged at Weston Park,

Shropshire.)

Meetings are staged under the eye of stewards who mark infringements. Competition is fierce, and the rules are observed with military rigour.

On one occasion the Prince Phillip Cup itself was in the halance during the last event of the final, the flag race. With the top two teams separated by just one point, the last rider of the leading team thrust his flag only half-way into the flag-holder and, as he galloped for the finish, the flag began to topple out again. It fell just as he reached the line and the nearest steward adjudged that it had hit the floor a split second before the rider was over the line - a heartbreaking decision that cost his team the cup.

Occasional falls are inevitable

but serious injury is rare. Races are usually stopped or re-run if anyone is injured. Event organisers carry out an inspection of clothing and tack before competitions to check that it is safe and properly fastened and riders must remove jewellery.

Competitors must wear jodhpur boots or long boots and light-coloured jodhpurs. A new standard riding hat, the PAS 015, has just been introduced, giving more protection to the side of the head. The hat is always worn with a chinstrap. Many trainers will refuse to accept a porty which is known to kick.

Welfare of the pony is a main consideration. Whips and spurs are not permitted in competition. Rough or dangerous riding is penalised and competitors must ride an appropriately-sized pony.

EENE on CHESS BY RAYMOND KEENE

CHEEK CORRESPONDENT

By his clear victory in the elite Las Palmas tournament, which ended over the week-end, Garry Kasparov has dispelled any doubt that he is the undisputed champion of the world. In a competition of the world's top six ranked players, facing each other twice, Kasparov won by a clear point, while Anatoly Karpov, the Fide champion, suffered the worst result of his career. finishing in joint-last place and failing to win a single game. Kasparov also enjoyed the pleasure of winning a complicated game against his rival.

Kasparov's triumph

White: Garry Kasparov Black: Anatoly Karpov

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Final crosstable at Las Palmas

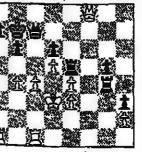
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WINNINGMOVE

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Goldin -Horvath, Budapest, 1996. In this middlegame with the major pieces, White found a quick breakthrough on the queenside. Can you spot it?

Solution on page 34 .



approved riding school. If they enjoy the sessions and learn the basics of riding and stable management, the next stage is to buy or borrow a quiet pony and join the local branch of the Pony Club. A few members hire ponies from riding schools, but few such mounts are lively enough to make good games ponies and the chance of regularly hiring the same pony is remote. Most youngsters involved in mounted games take part in other Pony Club activities,

NEWCOMERS are advised to have a

series of lessons with a qualified

instructor at a British Horse Society-

Most branches organise regular mounted games practices, open to all

such as rallies, camps, safety training

and sessions on riding and stable

HOW TO START

Early lessons under supervision are essential when starting to learn the skills of horse riding

levels. As they grow in skill and confidence, children gradually progress from "tinies" races, performed at a sedate trot, to the flat-out team events such as the Prince Philip Cup.

The annual Pony Club subscription is £22, with a £1 joining fee. This includes third-party legal liability and

A pony can cost anything from £75 for an unbroken novice to £5,000 for a top-class, "made" games pony with an impressive record at international level, although, be warned — buying an outstanding pony will not guarantee success unless the child rides well and builds a good rapport with the mount. Tack is often bought second-hand; a Stoneleigh, Warwickshire, CV8 2LR.

saddle ranging in price from £70 second-hand to £250-plus new. A bridle costs between £25 and £50.

If you do not have your own paddock and stable, stabling and feeding cost between £30 a week for a do-it-yourself livery and up to £80 a week for a full livery. (This tends to be more expensive in the Home Counties and city areas than in the country.)

Vets' bills and shoeing can work out

at about £700 a year and traveiling to leading British competitions costs up to £1,000. A season's entry fees could come to between £60 and £100, depending on the number of competitions entered. Riding kit jodhpurs and jodhpur boots cost about £25 each, hats are around £35. Further information: the Pony Club, British Equestrian Centre,

By Philip Howard

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GUIDE TO THE WEEK AHEAD

ICE HOCKEY: Superleague: Manchester v Cardiff (7 30) RACING: Chepstow (12 20), Kempton (12 40), Lercaster (12,55); Musselburgh (12,35), Watnerby (1 0)

SATURDAY FOOTBALL

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Waterd, Wateally Blackpool Third division: Coloheste v Fuham, Derington v Leyton Cherit; Easter v Carolit; Hartlepool v Herstord; Linceln v Chester, Manabeld v Domassier, Northampton v Barrier, Roch-state v Hull, Scarborough v Brighton, Sturthorpe v Wigan, Swansea v Carisle; Torquey v Cambridge United VAUXO-IALL CONFERENCE: Alsrackam v Patronezmus: Fembroonde: Alsrackam v VADDATALL CONFERENCE Abracham v Brimsgrove: Famborough v Dover. Galeshoud v Halital, Kodemmester v Butin; Northwich v Morscarribe. Southport v Hadnesford: Salytonge v Rushden and Diemonds. Stevenage v Hayes. Tellord v Welting, Wotting v Stough BELL'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Promier division: Abondern v Hibernard. Cellic v Durthermath, Hanta v Mothernard. Kilmannick v Rangers; Rash v Dunder Motor v St. Johnstone Dunder v Eart Rig. St. Minren v St. Johnstone Dunder v Eart Rig. St. Minren v Falling: String v Greenock Morton Second division; Benwack v Ayr Brechn v Dunderschurt Triffe division; Cuern v Sterfingschurt Triffe division; Albon v Inverness CT. Condenbeath v Albon, East String v Arbroach, Fortar v Queen's Park.

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COURRACE CLUBS CHAMPIONSHOP: First
division: Harisquis v Lecester (2 15),
London Irish v West Hartlepool (3 0),
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Heristord v Kendal, Nuneaton v Stole-ornTrent, Sandal v Loffield (2 15); Sheffield v
Marchester, Stourholge v Prestor Grasshoppers: Winnington Park, v Birming-RUGBY UNION

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division: Aberavon v LVMC Abertillery .
Landovery, Cross Neys v Borymaen,
Massing v Ychradgyntars, Pomypool v
Abercynon; South Wales Police v Blackleads

CLUB MATCHES. Ayr v Wigrownshire (2 to Boroughmur v Edinburgh Wanderers (2 to East Kilbride v Currle (2 to), Fortester FP / Corstorphine (2 to), Glosgow H K v Kilmanock (2 to) Gala v Shearrs Mel FP (2 to, Glosgow Acads v Meirose (2 to), Glosgow Southern v West of Scottland (2 to), Glenrothes v Madras, Coll FP (2 to), Haridand, ton v Preston Lodge (2 to), Nebo v Ahmack (2 to), Kirkcoldy v Stirring County (2 to), Langholm v Jed-Forest (2 to), Precioles v Biggar (2 to).

OTHER SPORT ATHLETICS: Bupe cross-country inter-national (at Durtam)

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SUNDAY

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(2:30) Saddleworth v Blenbroungh (2:30)
Devsbury Moor v Upton and Frobley.
Outon v Ideal ABI, Ovenden v Hensangham
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OTHER SPORT BASKETBALL: Budwelser League, Chester v Worthing (6.0), Manchester v Dorby (7.0), Shoftled v Leopands (5.30). Berningham v Tharres Valley (7.0).
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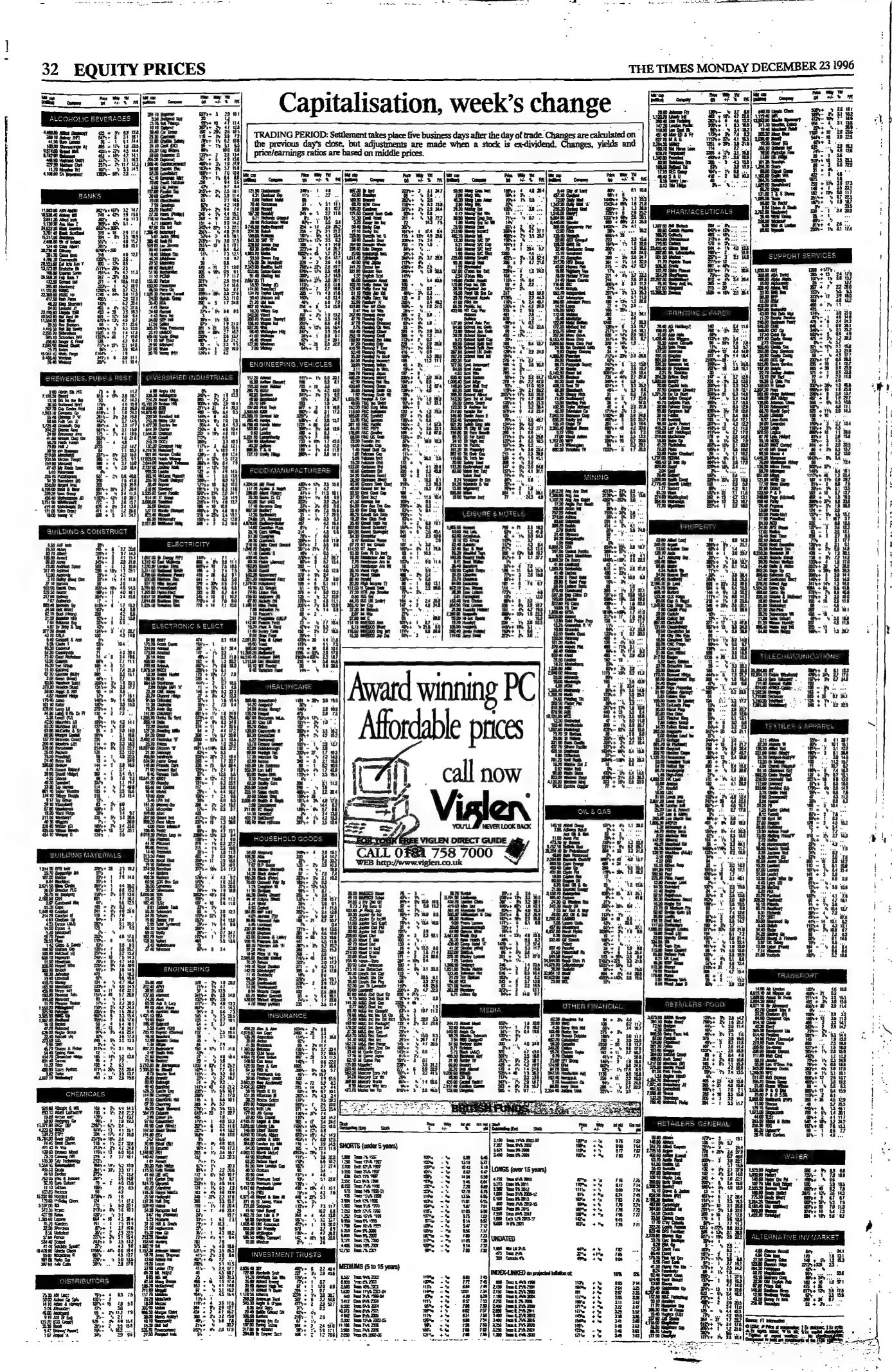
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Walton takes on the Church with plan for centre

THE former owner of Aintree racecourse, home of the Grand National, is submitting plans to build Britain's fourth largest conference centre in the middle of Liverpool as part of a £200 million development.

The move, by Walton Group headed by Bill Davies, the property developer, is to add fire to the battle to redevelop Chervasse Park, a stretch of land which links Liverpool city centre with Albert Dock, home of the northern arm of the Tate Gallery.

CHANGE ON WEEK

US dollar

1.6668 (+0.0088)

German mark

2.5899 (+0.0258)

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2790.40 (+52.10)

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Exchange Index 94.1 (+0.9)

Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

THE POUND

Walton's scheme is in competition with a £90 million plan, devised by Derrick Walters, the Dean of Liverpool, and supported by the city council, to put a technology and leisure centre on the site. This project requires £24.6 million of lottery funding and has been put on hold by the Millennium Commission which wants to visit the site before making a final decision on February II.

However Dean Walters has yet to secure the £50 million of



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private sector finance needed for the project. Alastair McDonald of Liverpool City Council said he thought that there would not be a problem con-vincing the commission that the money would be in place.

However the council has signed a contract to sell the site for £16 million to Walton Group, which in the 1980s owned Aintree Racecourse. Walton's solicitors wrote to

block the Walters scheme. The property developer wants to build an 800,000 sq ft shopping centre with 4,000 car parking spaces, It is now to submit plans to build a 5,000seat conference centre and to purchase the freehold of the adjacent Liverpool Moat House, which it will redevelop in conjunction with Queens Moat Houses, the hotels group. The new hotel will have at

expanded further. This is a plan to put Liverpool back on the map," said Mr Davies. "In the past 25 years Liverpool has dropped from number three destination for

least 150 rooms and could be

shopping to number 17."

Hopes were growing yesterday for a big new invest-ment in Scotland, creating up to 3,000 jobs. Reports indicated that Locate in Scotland the job-hunting arm of Scortish Enterprise, the Scottish Office and the Lanarkshire Development Agency -- was close to clinching a deal with First Direct, the telephone banking group. The bank has been planning to site a base in the unemployment blackspot of Mossend in Lanarkshire.



Geoffrey Simon, chairman of Wellington Market Company, which is raising £1 million for extra working capital by issuing new shares, put in some pre-Christmas trading at the weekend along with Judy Evens. His company owns and manages some 22 markets around Britain, including the original business in Wellington. Shropshire

Bruntcliffe denies 'misleading'

By Jason Nissé

BRUNTCLIFFE Aggregates, which is being stalked by Bardon, its rival building materials group, may face a Stock Exchange inquiry after being accused of misleading investors in an announcement and press release issued last month.

The company said on November 14 that it had won a High Court legal action allowing it to recover \$1.25 million from Mineral & General Investments, a Jersey company that was one of

Bruntcliffe's largest shareholders, in a dispute about the sale of some coal assets in the United States two years ago.

However, on Friday, Dibb Lupton Alsop. M&G's solicitors, wrote to the Exchange saying that the actual ruling only allowed Bruntcliffe to recover \$100,000 of the money and the rest was still in

In the letter Dibb Lupton that the Bruntcliffe Aggresents the position in relation to the litigation . . . [it] appears to be designed to mislead the market in relation to Bruntdiffe."

The Exchange has contacted Bruntcliffe, whose lawyers, Theodore Goddard, have said that they are happy that the statement does not misrepresent the position.

Dibb Lupton has now provided the Exchange with full correspondence between the two sides, as well as a shorthand trancript of the judge's

ruling, which has yet to be formally published. The dispute is part of a long-running battle between Bruntcliffe and M&G, which has led to the voting rights of M&G's shareholding being suspend-ed. M&G appealed but last week sold the bulk of its

holding to Bardon Group, which has now taken a 27.8 per cent stake in Bruntcliffe. Bardon has yet to declare its hand but it is expected that it will make an offer for Brunt-

cliffe in the new year.

BT said to be in TV talks

BT has refused to confirm weekend reports that it is in digital television joint venture. Under the deal, BT and BSkyB (in which News International, owner of The Times. has a 40 per stake), would take 30 per cent each. Midland Bank and Matsushita, the Japanese electronics group, would take 20 per cent each.

BT said digital broadcasting was an obvious area of interest, but would not comment on the specific venture. A spokesman said: "We talk to a lot of companies all the time."

Growth market

The housewares and home furnishings sector is set to boom next year on the back of a steadily improving housing market, according to Verdict, the independent retail analyst. Research shows that the sector is enjoying a significant revival after the recession of the early 1990s. Estimates show sales in the second half of 1996 grew by 8 per cent.

Job fears

Skilled and professional staff still suffer from job insecurity, with almost half of the work-ers at 350 firms questioned by the Manufacturing Science and Finance Union saying their jobs were less secure than a year ago. Fears were especially high in health care, insurance and finance, education and training, and worst in Greater London, Scotland and East Anglia.

Card alert

Christmas shoppers are urged to protect their credit and debit cards after Home Office figures showing that pickpocketing is at its highest ever level. An average £490 is spent fraudulently with every

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ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

THE minutes of the monthly meeting that took place on October 30, between Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, and Eddie George, the Governor of the Bank of England, are published today. It was at that meeting that the two men decided they would raise base rates by a quarter point to 6

per cent. Given the reluctance since discuss the monetary impact of sterling's sharp appreciation, the markets will be particularly interested to read

any comment on the exchange rate. Tomorrow sees publicawith the rest of the world for October, and non-European Union trade for November. There are no British economic statistics for the rest of the

☐ The only company scheduled to report this week is Ivory & Sime. The fund terim results are due to be published today.

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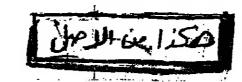
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DIARY

Nightmare at **Bruton Place**

TO CELEBRATE the festive season. Sunday Business, the business weekly, had hoped to let rip in a room above Pizza Express in Mayfair. But a rather large fly has made its way into the tomato and anchovy-flavoured ointment. Maurice Saatchi and his wife, Josephine Hart, the novclist, who just happen to live next door to the Italian watering hole, have made it known that the noisy hacks are most unwelcome in the vicinity of

their home. Last word was

that the shindig in Bruton

Place is still on.

ROLAND CORNISH is going it alone, setting up a new merchant banking boutique after ten years at Brown Shipley. The 37-year-old former head of corporate finance is branching out to become chief executive and main board director of Nationwide Residential Properties. Currently on holiday at his house in Italy, Cornish will be musing on his plans to build up the AIM-listed group over a five-year period. His flight from Brown Ship-ley coincided with its Christmas party last week and nobody was there to receive his resignation.

All the Buzz

DISTURBING news from Harrison Willis, the Citybased firm of executive recruitment consultants, who asked 100 finance directors what they would ideally like for Christmas.

Along with the predictable answers, including Pamela Anderson and "some software for my PC", the clear winner was Buzz Lightyear, the popular cartoon character from Toy Story, the children's film.

Giveaway line

PR GALS for Camelot have been rubbing shoulders with Diana. Princess of Wales. At a recent Christmas party, Louise White and Joanna Manning-Cooper summoned up enough courage, after 30 minutes of standing in the wings, to venture forth with the question: "Do you play the National Lottery, ma'am?"

The benign Princess, all smiles and eyes, politely replied: "No. I can't. If I won, I would have to give the money to charity." Ahhh.

OC LAST

No room for Santer at nation's bleak house

Dickensian

attitudes in

the workplace

are returning, says Christine

Buckley

trundled off from Ebenezer

Scrooge for his one-day Christmas holiday he was not alone. Miserly though he was, Scrooge was a typical early 19th-century employer. Some critics of employment condi-tions, who complain of increasingly long and unsocial hours, would say Ebenezer is enjoying a renaissance. Bob, provider for his large

family, would have been working more than 60 hours a week over six days. But it was at the time of Bob's fateful Christmas - 1843 - that the Labour movement was concentrating a push for shorter working hours.

More than 150 years later and the debate is still raging. particularly on the back of Europe pressing the UK to introduce a minimum 48-hour working week. Charges of Dickensian attitudes have been volleyed at the Conservatives who have fought to resist the European working time directive. Jacques Santer. President of the European Commission. famously declared Britain to be committed to Dickensian sweatshops because of its opposition to the directive. Meanwhile a substantial amount of employment research finds workers

feeling of job insecurity. Had he too been able to see the ghost of Christmas future. Bob may have been surprised at some employment similar-ities. With strikes at some high street banks over staff not being granted a full day off on Christmas Eve. Scrooge's reluctance to give his staff Christmas Day off does not seem that historical.

putting in increasingly long hours at the expense of family

and social life amid a strong

Moving on a little from the 1840s and some Labour historians would say we are not actually much further forward in working-time arrangements from the days when Tiny Tim may have been approaching retirement. Then, in the 1890s, the Labour movement launched its strongest campaign for shorter working time with the drive for an eight-hour day to both improve workers' conditions

and reduce unemployment. Mary Davis, senior labour lecturer at South Bank Univer-MORAG PRESTON "Between 1889 and 1914 the



Scrooge saw the error of his ways but many of today's employers are still unenlightened

real campaign for the eighthour day was conducted. But we are still nowhere near that." Bob would point out that it is not all gloom over working hours in the UK. He would, however, be uneasy that things seem the bleakest among his own kind - professionals and those working for small employers. He may also be alarmed at the proportion of workers entitled to paid holidays. Britain does not enshrine paid holidays in law and Labour Force studies indicate that 2.5 million workers receive no paid holidays.

The UK has produced a

divergent pattern of working time as a series of unions have won industry and companyspecific deals. Generally working hours are at their shortest in manufacturing, particular-ly engineering whose unions have always been at the vanguard of shorter hours. But they are climbing sharply among professional classes.

A Labour Force survey looking at changes to working patterns between 1984 and 1996 found a large jump in the number of staff working more than 48 hours - from 2.75 million 12 years ago to more than 3.9 million now. The

proportion of men working more than 50 hours a week had increased from 20 per cent in 1984 to 28 per cent this year. Earlier this year the Joseph Rowntree Foundation identified long hours worked by fathers as the main cause of the blight on 1990s family life. A substantial number of people working long hours said they felt obliged to because of the long-hours cut-ture and because of feelings of job insecurity.

Back when Tiny Tim's father was going about his business he would have encountered the campaign for a



Arthur Scargill would find support abroad Jacques Santer derides British 'sweatshops'

ten-hour day. Largely it was a shout against the exploitation of women and children some of whom were working 14-hour days - and the lobby was just getting into gear. In London it was won by engineers after an eight-month strike in 1836.

The next decade saw demands for a 584-hour week, 10 hours for each of the week days and 84 hours on Saturday. In the 1870s the nine-hour day was achieved by some workers. In the 1880s-90s the New Unionism - a phrase now coined by the present Trades Union Congress struck out for an eight-hour day. They wanted the day divided strictly into eight hours work, eight rest and

Gas workers in Beckton. east London, temporarily won such hours although the larg-er movement failed. It had been championed by Tom Mann, the union and Labour movement activist, who established the eight-hour day as the touchstone of the New Unionism — the broadening out of the union movement beyond traditional trades. But the first call for an eight-hour day went out in the early 19th

n 1910 an average 48 hours was won with worktime still stretched wor six days. In the 1920s it was chipped down to 47 hours. By the 1950s the average working week was 44 hours with Saturday morningworking remaining the norm. By 1960 we reached 42 hours where the national average currently remains - and Saturdays were largely scrapped as part of the normal working week — apart from retail and leisure.

Britain is in stark contrast with mainland Europe over working time. More than 30 per cent of the UK's full-time amployees work more than 46 hours a week. It is by far the highest proportion with the second highest rate coming from Greece at 16 per cent. Britain is the only European country with no statutory limits on working time. In some industries a cap on working hours was exercised by wages councils until three years ago when all wages councils except the agricultural one were rbolished.

Next year Arthur Scargill will take a campaign for a four-day working week to several constituencies in the peneral election with his Socialist Labour Party. The proposition is unlikely to find currency with the larger political parties or employers although the argument would gain a better audience in France or Germany where the debate over tackling long-term unemployment is a stronger

Recalled for Christmas Dear Diary. Radio 4 (FM). 10.00am.

Miles Kington makes amends for what the creators of famous fictional characters failed to do — confront them with Christmas. A recalled Lady Machein gives her spouse something solid and heavy. Man Friday's relations drop in for a glass of sherry and, instead, get sozaled on something else, Lady Bracknell records the shock she had as a child when told that tradesmen, servants and — horror of horrors!—even Americans had the effrontery to celebrate Christmas. Philip Markows literally discovere a constraint carril singer whose Philip Marlowe literally disarms a gun-toting carol singer whose entire repertoire consists of Good King Wenceslaus and Sherlock Holmes investigates the Case of the Missing Gold, Frankincense and

The Jericho Players. Radio 4, 7.45pm.

In one respect, Bernard Kops's play about innerant Jewish actors in early 20th century Russia stirs echoes of Fiddler on the Roof. Like Fiddler, it sets its vibrant characters and the resilience that is the rianter, it sets its viorant characters and the restriction that is the badge of their tribe against the background of threatening persecution. It lacks what Fiddler conspiculously had, a strong central character to give cohesion to its episode structure. David Kossoff's wise old bird of an actor has elements of Tevye the milkman. Mark Bonnar plays the teacher who throws in his lot with the travelling thespians led by a battling couple (Warren Mitchell, Fenella Fielding).

RADIC 1

7,00am Dave Pearca 8,00 Simon Mayo12,00 Lisa ("Anson 2,00 Nicky Campbell4,00 Citve Warren 7,00 Evening Session featuring Manic Street Preachers and Noel Gallagher 9.80 State Preschers and Noel Gallagher 9.400 Star Review.Includes live music from Goldile and the Chamical Brothers 10.00 in Concert Classic. Jam 96 12.00 Claira Stargers4.00 Charile Jordan

RADIO 2

6,00em Alex Laster 7.30 Welse Up to Wogan 9.30 Kert Bruce 11.26 Jimmy Young 1.30pm Debbie Thrower 3.00 Save Wright 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Hubert Gregg 8.00 Melcolm Layout with Oence Bend Days 9.30 the 1995 Sylish Jazz Awards 10.00 Melly on Monday (8/6) 10.30 Jack Berny 11.90 of Others Patrick Lunt, includes Pause for Thought 3.00 Mo Dutta

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11.35 The Food of Love and Hate (1/4)
12.00 Midday with Meir 2.05pm Puscoe
on Five 4.00 Nellomade 7.00 News
Edsa 7.35 Sportshack 8.00 The Monday
Match. Newcastle United v Liverpool
10.05 Brief Lives '96 11.05 Weather
Reports 11.35 Tales of the Turi 12.05em
Hong Kong et Christmae (1/4) 2.05 Up
All Night

TALK RADIO

5.00mm Chris Ashley and Sandy Warr 7.00 Paul Ross 9.09 Scott Chisholm 12.09 Philip Hodson 2.00pm Tommy Boyd 4.00 Peter Dealey 7.00 Sports Zone 10.00 Jernes Whate 1.00mm Miles Diddn

WORLD SERVICE

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6.00am On Air. Includes Purcell (i bring you glad tidings); Lists (The Christman Tree); Daquin

(Noets Land II, Nouveau Livre de Noets); Amold (Concerto

(Eventy, Unice upon a Time)
8.50 An Advent Calendar
9.00 Morning Collection, with
Penny Gore. Mendalssohn
(Six Songs without Words, Op
62, Bix 5); Vaughan Williams
(Mass in G. minor)
10.00 Musical Encourriers.

6.00 Musical Encourriers. Gabrieli (Jubilate Dec a 10):

Liszt (Ricordenza); Haydn (Nottumo No 4); Simon Thoumire (The Gloomy-gocound); Massenet (Herodiscle, excapal); Souza (Liberty Bell); Birtwistle (Versee); Hendel, arr Mozart (Massiah, axcaman Mozari (Messiah, excerpts): Prokoliev (Vipiln Concerto No

12.00 Composer of the Week. Tchelkovsky 1.00pm Neses; City of London Festhesi. A concert given in July at the Drapers' Hell. Vidoria Mullove, violin, Plotr Anderszewski, plano. Includes Breims (Violin Sonata No 2 in A. Co. 10th Janeses (Adia A. Op 100); Janacak (Violin Sonata); Webern (Four Pleces, Op 7); Beethoven (Violin Sonata in F, Op 24,

(Violin Sonata in F, Op 24, Spring)
2.15 Record Review, with Richard Osborne. Shelkis (Night Ride and Sunrise): Dohnarry: (American Rhapsody); Ravel (Plano Concarto in G)
3.45 Voices. Iain Burnside introduces a racital of Sibelius songs
4.30 Lester Leaps In. Russell Davies explores the recording career of Lester Young (r)

Pearson 5.15 The Life and Times of the Symphony, Stephen Johnson traces the origins and evolution of the

symphony (1/5)
6.45 Digital Massters. John
O'Conor explores pieno
recordings from the early
years of the century, includes
Liszt (Valse Impromptu);
Schubert (Impromptu in G,
D899 No 3); Liszt (Soiree de
Vianne No 6 in A minor);
Chopin (Weitz in A flat, Op
42); (1/5) 42}-(1/5) 7.30 John Summan. The premiere

John Suffrant Ine premise of Surrant's Proverbs and Songs in Salisbury Cathedral in June. With the Salisbury Festival Chorus and John Taylor Chorus and John

Festival Unions
Taylor, organ

9,35 By Woody Allen. A selection
of clessic Woody Allen prose
from his anthologies Without
Feathers and Side Effects

and by Gerrick Hagon Performed by Gerrick Hagon, Lachele Carl and Mike MoShane (1/5) 10.00 Ensemble. Penny Gore introduces a recital by planist

introduces a recited by planist Leon McCawley. Includes Fauris: (Pièces brèves. Op 84); Barber (Noctume; Hornage to John Field; Sonata)

10.45 Mitching it. Mark Russell and Robert Sandall present a choice of listeners' favourite tracks heard on the show during 1996

11.30 Composers of the Week:

curing 1996 Composers of the Week: Ernest Chausson and Henri Duparc (r) 12.30am Jazz Notes, with Digby Fairweather
1.00 Through the Night, with Donald Macleod;

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping (LW) 6.00 News 6.10 Ferming 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today 8.40 So Far So Good, Richard Briess reads Paul Eddington's marries (1/5) 2.58 Westher memoirs (1/5) 8.58 Weather 9.00 News 9.05 Start the Week with Times columnst Melvyn

with /mes columnist Melvyn Bragg 10.00 News; Dear Diary (FM). See 10.00 Delly Service (LW) 10.15 On This Day (LW) 10.30 Woman's Hour, with Jenni Murray 11.30 Money Box Live: 0171-580 4444

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12.00 News; You and Yours
12.25pm Noël Coward — from
His Diaries. Extracts from the
famous English wit's journals
written during the last 30
years of his life. Read by
Simon Cadell (2/3) (r) 12.55
Weather Weather 1,00 The World at One, with Nick

1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55

1.50 The Archers (f) 1.50
Shipping
2.00 News; The Twelve Days of Christmas, by Bryony Lavery.
With Jane Dawson and Joseph Vickers (f)
3.00 The Afternoon Shift, Laurie Taylor and guests take pert in another topical debate
4.00 News 4.06 Kaleidoscope.

Lynne Walker reviews a new production of The Merry Wives of Windsor, and listens to a elternative version of

Alica in Wonderand
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A.45 Short Story: What the
Dickens? Jain Patterson's
story about a modern day
Eberezer Scrooge who has
his work cut out trying to
spread a little Christmas
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6.00 Stx O'Clock News 6.30 News Quiz of the Year, Simon Hopgert selects his favourite moments from the satisfical News Outz year with the help of Times columnist Alan Coren, Francis Wheen, Andy Hamilton and Jeremy Heath (6) Hardy (r) News 7.05 The Archers

5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping 5.55

7.00 News. 7.05 The Archers
7.20 The Food Programme. Do
lestive cookery books written
by top chets have a place in
the kitchen this Christmas (r)
7.45 Jeticho Players. See Choice
9.00 Better Than Sex. Sean
O'Brien describes how a visit
to the Tyneside. Turkish Beths
is a may cleasy while

is a truly pleasurable 9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) 9.59 10.00 The World Tonight, with

Robin Lustig 10.45 Book at Bedfirme: High Spirits, by Robertson Davies
11.00 Sentimental Journey. Film

director Ken Russell reminisces about his childhood experiences, recalling lamily picnics in a strange and beautiful garden called Lamer Trees (4/6) (r) 11.30 Rent II Comedy starting Barbara Flynn and Patrick Barlow. Paul has his heart set on think but all she can think director Ken Russell

on Ruby, but all she can think about is the whereabouts of 12.00 News incl 12.27am Weather 12.30 The Late Book Str Henry at Ravelinson End, Written and performed by Viv Stanshall, A surreal agga about a fragile threasty (1)5

Id expect base at least 7.5 per d of next year.

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Rate-rise sting in growth tail

he United Kingdom is in a unique situation. It is the only industrialised country where economic growth is very strong, there is little spare capacity left, and inflation is already above the top of the central bank's inflation target. No wonder the markets have priced in 100 basis points of monetary tightening in the next year and sterling has appreciated

In fact, the monetary tight-ening next year is likely to be even greater than the markets expect and sterling could well go even higher, simply because most commentators are underestimating how strong economic growth will be and are overestimating the spare capacity the economy has. Our view is that econom-

ic growth will run at 4 per cent for most of next year and that the spare capacity generated by the last recession has been used up already. This robust growth will lead to a build-up of inflation pressures as next

behind next year's strong growth, monetary policy is playing a key role. It is always difficult to gauge how stimu-lative or restrictive monetary policy is, but currently all direction. First, interest rates look very attractive - nominal short-term rates are close term rates are 250 basis points

bles — are all buoyant. Ho 'cheld spending is also When seeking the factors

WORD WATCHING

Answers from page 30 **GALLOGLASS** (b) A heavily-armed mercenary soldier, originally Hebridean (Gaelie-Norse), maintained by Irish and some other Cehie chiefs from about 1235 to the 16th century. From the Irish gall a foreigner + oglach a young warrior servant. Macbeth: "... The mercaless Macdonwald/... from the western isles! Of kerns and gallowglasses is supplied. . . '

(b) Favour, goodwill. From the Old French gré. Ultimately from the Latin gratum, the neuter substantive of grâtus pleasing, grateful. "A man should hold his friends in gree,/ And his foes hate but tardily."

(a) and (b). In printing, a thin iron frame hinged to the tympan, having tapes or paper strips stretched across it, for keeping the sheet in position while printing. The pressman beateth it over with printers ink, spreadeth upon it the papers put in the frisket." Also a small, lively sparrow. Progresses of Queen Elizabeth, 1602: "The chatting of pyes, and the chirkinge of the frietchete."

FELAPTON (c) A term of old-fashioned logic. A mnemonic word representing the fourth mood in the third figure of syllogis in which the major premiss is a universal negative, the minor premiss a universal affirmative, and the conclusion a particular negative. They still set their Barbara and Felapton, but only in the way of routine."

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below the 1980s business cycle average. Second, consumer and mortgage credit are both increasing at a strong pace. And third, the key interestrate sensitive sectors - cars, housing and consumer dura-

being supported by solid income generation. Employment in the third quarter rose at an annual race of 26 per cent, and real take-horse pay is increasing by almost 3 per cent. In addition, consumers are receiving windfall gains from restructuring in the financial services sector, which, if all the planned conversions go ahead, will boost house-holds spending power next year by about 4 per cent.

So the outlook for growth is strong and surprises will probably be on the upside. How much room is there, however, for the economy to enjoy such strong growth with no risk of inflation rising? Our view is that the room is very limited indeed. All direct measures of spare capacity — unemployment, vacancies, hours worked, survey measures of labour shortages, and capacity utilisation rates — suggest that there is little slack left to be absorbed by strong growth. The situation seems particularly acute in the services sector, where operating rates and recruitment difficulties are already near the peaks reached in the late 1980s.

Strong growth and a mature business cycle are a sure recipe for a cyclical deterioration in inflation. Underlying retail price inflation is already above the top of the target range of 1 to 2.5 per cent. However, in the near term. these cyclical inflation pres-

sures will be hidden behind an improvement in the inflation readings, thanks to lower energy prices and the higher currency. Most likely, underlying retail price inflation will be close to, or just below, 2.5 per cent by next spring. How ever, the cyclical inflation pressures will be building behind the scenes and should be particularly evident in the services sector, which is sheltered from the favourable international developments that are depressing goods prices. Once these temporary international developments fade, a more broad-based deterioration in inflation will develop.

From an investor's perspective, it is important to recognise that it is the growth environment that will drive monetary policy, not the near-term inflation readings. This was made crystal clear by the monetary tightening in late 1994, when base rates rose 150 basis points. That monetary tightening began when underlying inflation was inside the target range and still falling. Each rate rise was triggered by successive GDP releases showing economic growth running at an annual rate of 3 to 4 per cent. If that pace of economic growth inggered rate hikes worth 150 basis points in 1994, a similar pace of growth in the next few quarters will prompt at least as much monetary tightening.

nderlying inflation is a full percentage point higher than it was when the 1994 monetary tightening started, and every direct measure of spare capacity is tighter now than it was then. So, we should expect base rates to reach at least 7.5 per cent by the end of next year.

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Cool comfort from a consummate crooner

For those of us finding the preparations for Christmas just a teensy bit stressful. Santa had thoughtfully provided a spot of last-minute couch therapy. From the first few notes of a gloriously syncopated intro, Arena: Tony Bennett's New York (BBC2, last night) was a television treat. The best is yet to come," sang the man whom Reggie Nadelson later described as the king of cool, the consummate crooner. As the tension eased from my shoulders. I let out a little groan of gratitude. Where had he

Out of fashion, apparently, I am too young to remember, or even indeed to know, that in 1952 Tony Bennett was the biggest selling recording artist in the United States and I am too old to be part of the so-called Generation X who rediscovered easy listening and consider Bennett to be "hipness incarnate". The decade that provided the background to my form- commanded 80 minutes of well time. Bennett and bell-bottoms were a lousy mix," pronounced Nadelson, revealing a fondness for alliteration that occasionally got in the way of her history. What about Bennett and Oxford bags, I thought. Or tank-tops, come to that

Anyway, to cut a long horrorstory short, Bennett had a bad time in the 1970s, recording only one album - which is why, presumably, if I thought of him at all it was as the guy with the big nose, who wasn't as good as Frank Sinatra. But all that has changed, as Nadelson succinctly explained, "Ella and Crosby have gone and Sinatra's retired." Now, at 70, it's the man from Astoria's chance to carry the great American songbook. But this major retrospective belied any suggestion of Buggins's or indeed Bermen's turn. Distin-

guished people have died and not

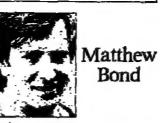
arive years, the 1970s, was a black crafted television tribute. And Bennen was still alive, albeit in an extremely laid-back sort of way. The best is yet to come... he sang again. Damn, it was good.

adelson's film was a clever-ly multi-stranded affair. There was Bennett's life story, traced from the house on Long Island where he was brought up by Italian parents to the apartment overlooking Central Park where he now lives. Then there was the story of American music, which as far as Bennett was concerned. began and pretty much ended with Louis Armstrong. "If you don't phrase like Louis, then you're just not singing American music." And so, as Nadelson put it, Louis begat Bing and Bing begat Sinatra..."
And Sinatra? No prizes for guessing whom he begat.

There was lots of wonderful

music and an impressive cast of

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talking heads, on hand to explain why every time Bennett opens his mouth to sing "I left my heart in San Francisco" he is telling a lie. His heart is where it's always been. as Wynton Marsalis and Mario Cuorno were there to attest: New York.

"It's all about being famous in that city," explained Bennett. If you can make it here, you can make it anywhere, sang his hero Sinatra. The best is yet to come ... sang Bennett for the last time. Stuff "Ding Dong Merrily", I'm off to the record shop.

But not before I've sold you about the trains in Cruel Train (BBC2, last night). They were magnificent
— great hig, steaming, puffing,
panting beasts, forever rushing into tunnels and clattering across level-crossings. All of which is very handy if you're making free with Emile Zola's La Bete Humaine and are in need of some heavy

The human cast, led by David Suchet, Saskia Reeves and Adrian Dunbar, were preny good too, as the writer and director Malcolm McKay set our to re-explore Zola themes of jealousy, passion and murderous obsession on the wartime London to Brighton line. An old lady in the station cafe helped along some of us slower on the imagery uptake. "God help us." cried the manageress as the bombs

why they keep leaving the door off the engine firebox.

ckay can take great same faction from how his stylish production looked, particularly given that the huge station - complete with platforms and real trains - was actually a reconstruction, built in an old factory near Birmingham. In such brilliantly creative circumstances, an occasional tendency to look like a series of gloomy "You're Never Alone with a Strand ads was therefore quite forgivable.

As for the piece itself. I have more reservations. As a thriller, the drama had few new insights to shed on now familiar themes and the over-layer of Zola's bleak pessimism, if anything, made the going-ons rather less interesting than they otherwise might have been. After all, if we are all beasts with no hope

fell. "If He's up there. Perhaps it's of redemption, who really cares just us, beasts in hell." Ah, so that's what went on on the \$.30pm from Victoria? Still, it looked great, the steam engines were wonderful and it was a rare hour or so of seriously ambitious television drama. On that basis alone, it deserves commendation.

By contrast. Dr Finlay (ITV, Friday) was an hour of seriously unambitious television drama and all the better for it. It was the night before Hogmanay and Arden House was snowed in. The only occupants were Janet and Dr Cameron, who promptly had a heart attack and retired to hed, and Dr Finlay and the glamorous Dr Napier. The big question was would Finlay (David Rintoul) take advantage of the snow, the roaring fires, the lack of beds, finally to propose? You'd get better odds on Zula's hell freezing over than Finlay ever seizing the day. In the end it all came down to dumplings, as life in Tannochbrae so often does.

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11.00 WIPEOUT New series of the game show, hosted by Paul Daniels (2238) 11.30 SMILLIE'S LAUGHS (3985) WALES:

Animal Sanctuary
12.00 A SONG FOR CHRISTMAS The annual testive music competition (26304) 1.00pm NEWS (T) (82840762) 1.05 REGIONAL NEWS (99315743)

1.15 NEIGHBOURS (T) (58809472) 1.35 CALL MY BLUFF (21962491) 2.05 FILM: All I Want for Christman Two

children want their divorced parents back together for Christmas, With Jamey Sheridan and Harley Jane Kozak, Directed by Robert Lieberman (7224101) 3.30 THE BUSY WORLD OF RICHARD SCARFTY (1145168) 3.55 The Christmas Zone (2485472) 5.00 Newsround (T) (5857526) 5.10 Blue Peter (T) (8159033) 5.35 NEIGHBOURS (f) (T) (505694)

6.00 NEWS (T) and weather (934743) 6.15 REGIONAL NEWS (962526) 6.30 ARE YOU BEING SERVED? The staff are outraged by Young Mr. Grace's-decision to transfer them to the toy department (r) (T) (946)

7.00 TELLY ADDICTS The stars of EastEnders and Emmerdale put their television knowledge to the test (1) (3507) 7.30 ANDMAL SANCTUARY John Craven reports from Kenya on attempts to return an orphaned iton cub to the wild (T) (830)

WALES: O Little Town of Bethlehem 8.00 EASTENDERS Mark receives some unexpected news which throws him into a panic (1) (2255)

8.30 CHEFT The Cha CHEFI The Chateau Anglais hosts a society wedding and Gareth falls for an old flame. Last in series (T) (1762) 9.00 NEWS (T); regional news and weather

9.30 THE THIN BLUE LINE Fowler ponders a difficult choice --- poo the big question to

Last in series (T) (27093) 10.00 THEY THINK IT'S ALL OVER Gary

Lineker and David Gower are joined by Steve Backley and David Baddlel (10255) 10.30 EURO 96: WHEN FOOTBALL CAME HOME

Desmond Lynam and guests including Terry Venables, Alan Sheerer and Frank Skinner, get all nostalgic about England's 11.30 FILMS OF THE YEAR WITH BARRY

NORMAN (T) (421033) 12.15am PHIL COLLINS BIG BAND A By-onthe wall insight into the life of Phil Collins (T) (124231)

1.15 UNPLUGGED: PHIL COLLINS (1) 2.05 WEATHER (1848386)

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7.20cm FILM: A Farewell to Arms (b/w, 1932) with Gary Cooper and Helen Hayes. An American fleutenant laits for an English nurse during the First World War. Directed by Frank Borzage (9944120) 8.40 SEE HEAR! (1) (T) (7124304)

9,20 FILM: The Shop Around the Corner (b/w, 1940) starring James Stewart and Margaret Sullavan. Two artsgonistic shop employees are unwere that they are, in tact, lonely hearts pen pals. Directed by Emst Lubitsch (1) (51925168)

11.00 FILM: In Search of the Castaways (1962) with Maurice Chevaller and Hayles Mills. Two teenagers travel to South America in search of their father. Directed by Robert Stevenson (1) (845868S9) 12.40pm ON CHRISTMAS EVE Animated tale (9329168)

1,05 FILM: Now, Voyager (1942, b/w) starring Bette Davis. A nervous and frustrated spinster falls for a married men. Directed by Irving Rapper (58355878) 3.00 THE BIG PICTURE A report on Yorkshire's popularity as a location for movie-makers (9168)

3.30 INTERNATIONAL SHOW JUMPING Highlights from Olympia (6560965) 4.20 FILM: Easter Purade (1945) stairing Fred Astaire and Judy Garland. Light-hearted musical (78176138)

6.00 SPACE PRECINCT (1) (930743) 6.45 GOGS (540588) 6.55 AFFAIRS TO REMEMBER (345120)

7.00 1914-18: Legacy Reflecting how the lormal ending of the First World War did little to relieve the suffering of millions across Europe. Last in series (136385) 7.50 A WEEK TO REMEMBER (D/W)



Simon Callow as Dickens (8.00pm)

AN AUDIENCE WITH CHARLES DICKENS: Sikes and Namey First of five programmes with Simon Callow re-enacting the readings given by Charles Dickens from his novels

8.30 OPEN RHODES Gary travels to the Caribbean Island of Grenada to find out how the Christmas spices are grown. Last in series (T) (9304)

AN EVERYDAY STORY OF COUNTRY LIFE Documentary marking the centenary of Country Life magazine (T) (3151304)

10.05 FTUM: Love Story (1970) Romantic drams with All McGraw and Ryan O'Neal. Directed by Arthur Hiller (1) (102192) 11.45 Fil.M: Un Homme et Une Femme (1966) starring Jean-Louis Trintignant and Anouk Aimée. Oscar winning drama about a romance developing between a widow and a racing driver. Directed by Claude Lelouch. In Franch with English subtitles (409694) 1.20am WEATHER (9228786)

CHOICE

An Audience With Charles Dickens BBC2, 8.00pm

In five programmes spread over the nest week Simon Callow recreates what a critic called "the greatest one-man show of the 19th century". Charles Dickens giving readings from his novels. In Dickensian dress and with a wonderfully full beard quivering from his chin Callow is a more than fair lookalike, and to give the project further authenticity the audience also wears period costume. Callow begins with the murder of Nancy by Bill Sikes in Oliver Twist. Dickens performed the scene with such intensity that his pulse rate doubled and friends leared for his life. If Callow is never in danger of

expiring, he squeezes the piece for the last drop of emotion and as the narrative reaches its dreadful climax has members of the audience covering their faces. Viewers may find themselves taking similar action.

An Everyday Story of Country Life BBC2, 9.00pm

A magazine for snobs? "Oh yes — thank God!", says Sir Hardy Amies. A Tory mag? God!", says Sir Hardy Amies, A Tory mag? "Of course", admits the editor of Country Life, Clive Aslet, though this does not stop him from going to considerable lengths to track down and interview Tony Blair. Auberon Waugh declares that he feels more in touch with England reading Country Life than any other magazine. Arme Heseltine reveals that her husband, Michael, devours it in the bath. With quotes like these, Jane Treays's documentary cannot fail. Her Treays's documentary cannot fail. Her portrait of an institution about to celebrate its centenary cleverly allows the material to speak for itself. You cannot help noticing the posh accents and double-barrelled names among the editorial staff. You learn that the readers either live in country houses or dream of doing so. On this evidence Sir Hardy Amies has nothing to worry about.

Euro 96 - When Football Came Home BBC1. 10.30pm

England succumbed disappointingly in a penalty shoot-out and the Scots failed to survive the first stage. But Euro 96 was still a great summer festival, producing much memorable football and, thankfully, free of the much-feared crowd trouble. The flavour of the event is recuptured in footage from the matches and the memories of players, managers and fans. Footballers are not always the most articulate analysts of their craft but there are exceptions, such as poor Gareth Southgate who for the umpteenth time relives his crucial penalty miss. Songsmiths Frank Skinner and David Baddiel and Radio | DJ Chris Evans are also on hand, and there is a pertinent appraisal of the behaviour of the popular press, which began by rubbishing the England team and ended by licking its boots.

In the Dark . . . With Julian Clary ITV, 11-25pm

Julian Clary hosts a pilot game show in which three young couples compete for an all-expenses paid trip to New York. So what's new? The joke is that the contestants have to perform entirely in the dark but, thanks to they are up to. In one of the games they have to go into a bedroom, put on pyjamas and to go into a bedroom, put on pyjamas and slippers, get on a water bed and apply face cream. In another they are required to serve a meal of soup, spaghetti and meat balls and jelly and cream. The format may be novel but it is just another way of getting us to laugh at ordinary people making fools of themselves, with the bonus (for Clary fans, at least) of a quip-filled turn from the camp host. The perhaps surprising news is that 19 countries, from Iceland to Japan, have already bought the show. already bought the show. Peter Waymark

6,00em GMTV (7594965) 9.25 CAPTAIN SIMIAN AND THE SPACE MONKEYS (4439236)

9.50 STEP BY STEP (248)033; 10.20 NEWS (T) (3385946) 10.25 REGIONAL NEWS (3354217) 10.30 FILM: The Brave Little Tousier (1987)

Animated children's adventure about household appliances (23061694) 12,05pm CARTOON TIME (2006694) 12.20 REGIONAL NEWS (£973471) 12.30 NEWS (T) (9310410) 12.55 CORONATION STREET (r) (T)

(9395101) 1.25 FILM: Bronco Billy (1980) Clint Eastwood directs and stars in this comedy about a modern-day cowboy whose Wild West show is thrown into confusion by a spoiled heiress. With Sondra Locke (T) (58362168)

3.20 NEWS (T) (7718120) 3.25 REGIONAL NEWS (7717491) 3.30 FILM: Vice Versa (1988) starring Judge

Reinhold and Fred Savage. A tather and son undergo a magical body-swap. Directed by Brian Gilbert (T) (148439) 5.10 DESIGNED BY EMANUEL (r) (7974033) 5.40 NEWS (T) and weather (541007)

5.00 HOME AND AWAY SPECIAL First in a short series of reruns of lavourite past episodes (T) (501439) 6.25 HTV NEWS (T) (752052)

7.00 BRUCE'S PRICE IS RIGHT Last in the series (T) (8675) 7.30 CORONATION STREET Vera is awaiting Jack's return from hospital and Don seek solace in a whisky bottle as he

surveys his empty life (1) (526) 8.00 ROLFI The multi-telented Australian, Rolf. Harris, entertains a studio audience (T)



9.00 CIRCLES OF DECEIT starring Dennis Waterman as world-weary intelligence agent and one-time SAS man John Neil

11.00 NEWS (T) and weather (693269) 11.15 REGIONAL NEWS (327168)

11.25 IN THE DARK WITH JULIAN CLARY The camp comic hosts a one-off game show (1) (242878) 11.55 THE BEATLES ANTHOLOGY (1) (T)

12.55am FOOTBALL EXTRA (6997366) 1.40 BUSHELL ON THE BOX (8907569) 2.20 ENTERTAINMENT 1996 (3574076) 3.15 CYBER CAFE (30255) 3.45 FILM: Great Expectations (1982)

Animated version of Dickens classic tale (341151) 5.00 THE CHART SHOW (3460250) 5.55 NEWS (1373521)

CENTRAL /L

As HTV West except: 12.55pm-1.25 MAKE 'EM LAUGH (9395101) 1.25-3.20 Film: BRONCO BILLY (58362168) 5.10-5.40 SHORTLAND STREET (7974033) 6.25-7.00 CENTRAL NEWS (752052)

2.15em Film: FAREWELL TO THE KING (540144) 4.05 JONES AND JURY (26425540) 4.25 CYBER CAFE (26403328) 4.50 FUNNY BUSINESS (79514989) 5.20 SOUND BITES (1650908) 5.30 JAMES BOND JNR (1370434)

WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except: 1.25pm-3.20 Film: BRONCO BILLY (58362168) 5.10-5.40 HOME AND AWAY SPECIAL

(7974033) 6.00-7.00 WESTCOUNTRY LIVE (17856)

MERIDIAN

As HTV West except: 12.55-1.25 IT'S A TINY TOONS CHRISTMAS (9395101) 1.25-3.20 Film: BRONCO BILLY (58362168)

5.10-5.40 HOME AND AWAY SPECIAL (7974033) 6.00 MERIDIAN TONIGHT (762)

6.30-7,00 THE PIER (994) 11.25-11.55 HOLLYWOOD PETS (242878)

ANGLIA

As HTV West except: 12.19 ANGLIA AIR WATCH (3923156) 12.55-1.25 CELEBRITY SQUARES (9395101) 1.25-3.20 Film: BRONCO BILLY (58362168) 5.10-5.40 SHORTLAND STREET (7974033) 6.25-7.00 ANGLIA WEATHER AND NEWS

(752052) 11.25-11.55 HOLLYWOOD PETS (242878)

S4C Starts: 6.30am TAKE FIVE (14168) 7.00 THE GREATEST TUNE ON EARTH (7101762) 7.25 THE BABYSITTERS CLUB (9280520) 8.00 THE BIG BREAKFAST (95033)

10.00 Film: SAVED BY THE BELL! HAWAJIAN STYLE (86111410) 11.45 THE PINK PANTHER (3830584) 12.00pm RIGHT TO REPLY (79156) 12.30 A BOX FULL OF STORIES (30507) 1.00 SLOT MEITHRIN (45526)

1.30 Film: 20 MILLION MILES TO EARTH (93694) 3.00 Film: DINOSAURUS! (22728) 4.30 THE LONELY PLANET (439)

5,00 5 PUMP (9781) 5.30 THE LIVING SEA (491) 6.00 NEWYDDION (460743)

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12.00am WOMEN AT PLAY (90540) 12.30 THE AMERICAN FOOTBALL BIG MATCH (1117540) 1.50 LUMBERJACKS OK! (2370057)

CHANNEL 4

6.30am TAKE FIVE (14168) 7.00 THE GREATEST TUNE ON EARTH

7.25 THE BABYSITTERS CLUB (c) (9280520)

8.00 THE BIG BREAKFAST (95033) 10.00 FILM: Saved by the Bell — Hawalian Style (1992) With Mark Paul Gosselaar and Trifan Amber Triesssen Christmas special as the gang take a holiday in Hawaii (T) (86111410)

11.45 BACK TO THE FUTURE (1) (650472) 12.15pm THE PINK PANTHER (r) (2084472) 12.35 JUNIOR GOLF CHAMPION (2463120) 1.40 MUNRO Animation (10791946)

1.50 A CHRISTMAS CAROL Oscar-winning version of Dickens's tale featuring the voices of Michael Redgrave and Alastair Sim (r) (21951385)

2.20 FILM: Blood Alley (1995) starring John Wayne and Lauren Bacalt. Action adventure set in the China seas. Directed by William A. Wellman (T) (12887217) 4.25 FiLM: Trouble Along the Way (1953) with John Wayne. Comedy about a football coach who takes a job in a religious college to improve his chances of getting custody of his daughter Directed by Michael Curtiz (17792897)

6.30 HOLLYOAKS (T) (656) 7.00 CHANNEL 4 NEWS (T) (887507) 7.55 THE SLOT (197830)

8.00 TV DINNERS in the last of six programmes amateur chefs Tricia Walace and Alson Haughton search for Walace and Alson Haughton search for Caribbean ingredients for a birthal surprise and a Glaswaglan docker pre-pares an anniversary meal. The series resumes in the new year (1) (5965)

8.30 BROOKSIDE Tragedy strikes at the Dixons, when their house becomes the target of an arsonist while Jackie Corkhill is staying there (T) (64222168)



Daniel Day-Lewis stars (10.05pm)

10.05 FILM: My Left Foot (1989) starring Daniel Day-Lewis, Branda Fricker and Ray McAnally. Oscar-winning film biography of Irish writer Christy Brown, Directed by Jim Shendan (1) (588120) 12.00 LUMBERJACKS OKI Last in the series

about logger sportsmen in the Canadian town of Squamish (90540)

12.30am THE AMERICAN FOOTBALL BIG MATCH (1117540) 1,50 FILM: Love Hurts (1991) Cornedy starring Jeff Daniels as a man who decides to visit his parents after a string of unsuccessful one-night stands, it's his

sister's wedding weekend and his estranged wife and daughter are also visiting. Directed by Bud Yorken (293989) 3.45 FiLM: Checking Out (1989) staming Jeff Daniels as a man facing up to mortality after his best friend's death. Directed by

David Leland (80778)

listings of satellite and cable channels, see the Directory. published on Saturday

7.00am Love Connection (4070675) 7.20
Press Your Lock (4090439) 7.40 Jeopardy!
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SKY 2 7.00pm Star Trek: Deep Space Nine (1082694) 8.00 Water Rats (1039014) 9.00 The Commish (1089678) 10.00 Under Suspicion (1082965) 11.00 Late Show with David Letterman (1477588) 12.00 FBLM: Managaemade (2879434) 2.00mm Ht Mist

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6.00am The Ranger, the Cook and a Hole in the Sky (1995) (46525) 8.00 Back Home (1995) (46525) 7.10.00 War of the Stations (1998) (54101) 12.00 The Salzhang Connection (1972) (23830) 2.00pm The Cames (1970) (22525) 4.00 A Feast at Midnight (1994) (7435) 6.00 War of the Salzhang (1994) (36801) 7.30 El Feathers (7217) 8.00 Rurly (1993) (14507) 10.00 Dumb and Dumber (1994) (488553) 11.50 Killer (1994) (875583) 1.30am Day Durab and Duraber (1994) (488658) 17.50 Killer (1994) (875583) 1.30am Day of Rectioning (1994) (85811) 3.00 Trapped and Decelved (1994) (85076) 4.30 The Germes (1970) (54809) THE MOVIE CHANNEL

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Christmas contrasts: lavish rewards for City dealmakers, bleak outlook for the jobless

Fees smash £1bn barrier

earn bonuses approaching these levels.

Guaranteed bonuses are featuring

increasingly in the poaching of senior executives. Bill Harrison, former head of investment banking at Robert Fleming.

is to receive a guaranteed minimum bonus of £1.25 million for signing up as

chief executive of Barciays de Zoete Wedd (BZW). Swiss Bank Corporation

recently set aside £70 million to reward executives and senior traders.

matters of remuneration.

By MARTIN WALLER, DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

FEES earned by the City this year from takeover deals and other mergers will easily top the El billion mark for the first time, including bonuses to individual professionals that will create a raft of new

The bonanza is set to continue because of the late flurry of takeover bids that will come to fruition in early 1997. Al-though the total value of the City will not reach the record set in 1995, the com-plexity of several huge deals this year has sharply boosted their cost.

Last year the City earned £950 million in fees, largesse that was spread around a handful of City professions, most notably bankers and stockbrokers but including lawyers, accountants, public

be exceeded easily in 1996, according to Philip Healey, editor of Acquisitions Monthly, the specialist publication that produces a regular tally of takeovers and mergers.

Two deals alone, the Granada purchase of Forte for £3.9 billion and the break-up of the Hanson empire, generated some £200 million of fees for the City. The total paid by

ALL this frantic deal-making has spawned a healthy round of Christmas

bonuses in the City, with some individ-uals looking to triple base salaries. A reputed \$750 million is being shared

among brokers and bankers, although

Star performers this year include Goldman Sachs, which is reportedly

paying individual \$1 million bonuses to

more than 100 employees in its London

firms are reluctant to give details.

cluding heavy underwriting costs, ran to £120 million. Hanson's latest report and accounts includes a bill of £72 million for the demerger in the year to end-September, after £18 million charged for the

Mr Healey says the value of takeovers completed this year will fall a few billion short of

the £68 billion last year. However, in some respects this is an under-estimate because some £10 billion of deals under way will close in January or thereafter. These include the £1.3 billion agreed and the £2.1 billion agreed purchase of the ADT empire. Another close watcher of the

porate Finance, is making its own calculations. Stephen Barrett, UK head of mergers and acquisitions, said 1996 had been an absolutely super year. We're all working at breakneck speed." When KPMG's financial year ended in September, the accountant had registered a 44 per cent increase in income. He also

Ronnie Fox, a City lawyer specialising in remuneration, said that bonuses had

been "very patchy", with some people

doing exceptionally well, others receiving very little. British firms favour relatively

low salaries coupled with large bonus elements, unlike the rest of Europe where

falls in time for Christmas. Bonuses at

Merrill Lynch are not due to be paid until

the end of January. A spokesman said

that bonus levels would be announced

Not everyone will receive their wind-

high fixed salaries are the norm.

internally early in the new year.

complexity of some of the deals, such as the mergers between Lucas Industries and Varity of the US, and Sun Alliance and Royal Insurance. One result of the flood of deals has been the need to lock in key staff by paying them. huge bonuses. The big Ameri-can investment banks have traditionally led the way. But they have been followed by other overseas banks, such as Deutsche Morgan Grenfell, that have been keen to estab-Bonuses that say thanks a million

any downturn would see worse City job losses than previously experienced.

NatWest

suspends

18 staff

By OUR CITY STAFF

NATWEST has suspended 18

staff at the bank's insurance

offshoot over allegations of trying to cash in illegally on

last night.
The Bank of England, the regulatory Personal Invest-

ment Authority and Norwich

Union had been kept informed

It is suspected that the

NatWest Insurance Services

employees sold themselves

Norwich Union policies after

the flotation was announced

and backdated the forms to be

eligible for windfall bonuses

expected to be worth a mini-

Mr Gray insisted that se-nior staff, including himself,

had been kept abreast of the

original findings and subse-

quent investigations and he

denied reports of a manage

ment cover-up attempt.

mum £500 each.

pushed ahead by the sheer

lish a presence in London. But several key City figures have sounded warnings that escalating City salaries bring their own dangers. Sir Andrew Large, chairman of the Securities and Investments Board, has said greed could lead to more Nick Lesson-type scandals, while Rudi Mueller, Landon chief for the Union Bank of Switzerland, has said

TUC reveals the plight of the 'forgotten army'

By PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

DESPITE four years of falling unemployment, there remains a "forgotten army" of 750,000 long-term unemployed — people out of work for more than 12 months.

The figure emerges from research published today by the TUC, which calls for action to tackle Britain's "stubbornly high hard core of permanent jobless. Even though the total count of the unemployed dropped below the two million mark for the first time for almost six years last week, the TUC says that many of these are facing their second Christmas without a job.

mas without a job.

In the study, Forgotten at Christmas, the unions say that, despite the overall fall in unemployment, the proportion of those who are long-term unemployed remains high, falling only half a percentage point between October 1993 and October 1996 — from 38 3 percent of the total from 38.3 per cent of the total to 37.8 per cent.

A number of factors are involved, including geographical location, former occupa-

tion and age.
While just under a third of all long term unemployed live in London and the South East. other areas with high num-bers include the North West, the West Midlands, and Yorkshire and Humberside. With-

within 12 months. The TUC urges the adoption of quality training pro-grammes and long-term work placements. John Monks, TUC General Secretary, says: "We are in danger of forget-ting the unemployed, or worse, blaming them for their misery, when what they want

London borough of Hackney has 52 per cent of its jobless

Long-term unemployment

affects twice as many manual

workers as white-collar staff,

the unions' analysis shows. The TUC says these figures illustrate the impact of the recession of the early 1990s.

By age, long-term unem-ployment affects two age bands in particular — the

young, with more than a

quarter of all unemployed 18

to 24-year-olds counted as long term unemployed, and the old, with 16 per cent of the

50-plus category.

When people move out of long-term unemployment and into work, they are likely to

take jobs that are temporary,

part-time or both - and more than half lose their jobs again

dassified as long term.

Britain's unemployed still face a severe shortage of jobs, a skills mismatch and shocking pockets of poverty around the country."

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Northern poised to appeal over extension of CE bid

BY MARTIN WALLER

the most extraordinary City takeover battles ever seen. Northern Electric will this morning mount a last-ditch attempt to avoid defeat by CE Electric of the US by appealing to the Takeover Panel.

The £782 million bid formally closed on Friday with a narrow defeat for CE, but a midnight ruling by the panel pave the Americans and their advisers until lunchtime tomorrow to gather the acceptances necessary for victory.

Friday announced that it had

IN the last skirmish of one of 300,000 shares short of the required 50 per cent, said over the weekend that the total had reached 50.03 per cent. Even if no further accep-

tances arrive, this would allow the Americans to clinch the takeover, assuming no acceptances are revoked. However, Northern was meeting last night in preparation for an expected appeal to the panel, which governs the conduct of takeover bids. Its adviser, Barciays de Zoete Wedd, may make a similar appeal.

The panel has given no formal reason for extending

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late to a £250,000 bonus pay-ment to BZW sanctioned by Northern's board last week. BZW was unavailable for comment last night, but is reported to have denied any

wrongdoing. panel's blessing if the further acceptances were to be counted, and Northern is likely to argue that they should not be, or that the extension should not be allowed at all. Whatever the outcome

and a CE victory seems the most likely — the affair will certainly lead to pressure for

Go east for all the best breaks

THOSE not satisfied with the virtual two-week shutdown for the festive season in Britain this year might consider moving to Hong Kong, Indonesia, or even Mongolia. All three do significantly better when it comes to official days off (Martin Waller writes).

Select Appointments, the staffing services specialist, has made comparisons of time off as part of a review of world employment trends, particu-larly during the Christmas period. Hong Kong does well during the year as a whole with a total of 17 national holidays: links with Britain bring in two days for the Queen's official birthday and the usual Easter and new year breaks, and there are various Chinese festival days.

Indonesia, with four indige-nous religions, has five sepa-rate festivals to choose from between this month and next May. Mongolia has eight public holidays, but not one falls anywhere near our traditional festive season.

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A CONSORTIUM led by Dermott Desmond, the Irish

the world charging up to \$2,000 a night. The consortium is expected to upgrade the hotel's 120 rooms and 18hole golf course. Granada has now sold three hotels from the Exclusive portfolio for a total

Sandy Lane, Barbados, where rooms cost up to \$2,000 Granada sells hotel

investor who owns London City Airport, yesterday clinched the £38 million purchase of the Sandy Lane Hotel in Barbados from Granada. The Sandy Lane, with a book value of £26.6 million, is one of

Alcoholic slush puppies on the heels of alcopops

BY ALASDAIR MURRAY

iced fruit drinks with an added kick, are set to be the latest drinking fad as the brewing and spirits companies seek to capitalise on the current craze for alcopops. The frozen drinks, sold in a pouch with a straw, have proved popular in the US and are being test marketed in the

ALCOHOLIC slush puppies,

UK by drinks companies such as Whitbread and Grand Metropolitan. GrandMet recently launched Smirnoff Kosmir. a vodka-based frozen drink that the company says is aimed at the nightclub market. But the company is adopting

a cautious marketing strategy anxious to avoid accusations levelled at many of the alcopop brands - that the drinks are targeted especially at underage consumers. Steve Wilson. brand development manager at

clopment after being caught out by the sudden surge in popularity for alcopops such as Two Dogs and Hooper's Hooch. Mr Wilson said: "Alcopops jump-started the market and made the drinks companies realise that they needed to make conventional spirits more exciting to appeal

to younger consumers."

GrandMet is also experimenting with "shooters", single-shot cocktails that have proved popular in the US under the TGI Friday brand label. In the UK, the drinks are being tested as "New York Shots" with a mixture of flavours available. They inclade Blackhorse, which contains blackberry, cinnamon and peppermint. The number of ready-mixed spirits drinks

next summer's stock market flotation of Norwich Union. Labour highlights an internal investigation after possible irregularities emerged at the time of the flotation announcement on October 2. Martin Gray, chief executive of NatWest UK, said the domestic angle

Labour Party, a figure that has since the last general election (Philip Bassett writes).

Government ministers believe that people will realise the extent of economic improvement in Britain ahead of the general election, and this will be reflected in their votes. But Labour will today emphasise the continuing impact of unemployment, using fig-ures such as the rising number of children in jobless households. Using figures compiled by the independent House of

Commons library drawn from

Peter Hais, Labour's employ-1.5 million jobless people have children, up 200,000 since the 1992 election.

At more than half a million the total of jobless two-parent households has barely declined in the period, Labour says, while the number of jobless one-parent homes has rises 220,000 to aimost one million. Labour wants a national childcare strategy, a more flexible benefit system, improved skills and training opportunities and reform of the Child Support Agency.

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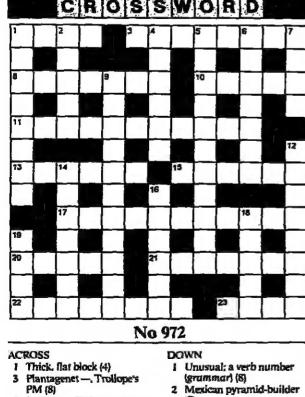
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on the market is also likely to rise over the year.